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CITY OF BOSTON.

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REPORT

ON THE

PAY OF WATCH AND POLICE.

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*In Common Council, May 11, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*





## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, April 27, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Demond, Brainard, and C. S. Johnson, be a Special Committee to consider and report by what authority the members of the Police and Watch Departments are paid.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, May 11th, 1854.*

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report by what authority the members of the Police and Watch Departments are paid, have attended to that duty and respectfully

## R E P O R T :

By statute of 1838, chap. 123, it is provided, that "The Mayor and Aldermen, of Boston; may, from time to time, appoint such Police Officers for said City as they may judge necessary, with all or any of the powers of the Constables of said City, except the power of serving and executing any civil process; and said Police Officers shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the said Mayor and Aldermen."—*Ordinances, page 301.*

It is evident that this statute gives no authority to the Mayor and Aldermen to appoint a Chief of the Police, or City Marshal, or Deputies, a Captain of the Police, a Lieutenant of the Police, nor any officers but simple Police Officers. Such officers can only be appointed by virtue of some ordinance of the City. And such has been the custom. The offices of Chief of the Police, and Deputies, have been established and their compensation determined by Ordinance of the City Council. The other officers, mentioned above, are not authorized by any Statute of the State, or Ordinance of the City.

An Ordinance was passed June 24, 1852, of which the first section is as follows:—"The Police Officers appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, according to law, shall receive *such compensation as the City Council shall determine.*"—*Municipal Register*, 1854, page 62.

The City Council have never determined the compensation of the Police Officers, yet they have regularly received their pay, since the passage of that Ordinance.

The process of payment is as follows:—The Chief of the Police makes out and certifies to the Mayor, a list of the Police Officers, with the sums to be paid to each. The Mayor approves it; the Committee on Accounts pass it; the Auditor gives his order; and the Treasurer then pays.

It is somewhat singular that an Ordinance of so much importance as that passed June 24, 1852, should, for nearly two years, have escaped the notice of the very able and vigilant guardians of the Public Treasury.

Your Committee are constrained to think that, since the passage of the above named Ordinance, the members of the Police Department have been paid without the proper legal authority.

The subject of a Night Watch early engaged the attention of the citizens of Massachusetts, and many acts of the General Court were passed in relation to it, commencing in the year 1636, and extending through the intervening years till 1796, when the substance of them all was embodied in chapter 82, of the Acts of that year. By that Act provision was made for a voluntary Watch by the citizens of the various towns, and minute directions given as to the mode of calling it out and governing it. The powers and duties of the Watchmen when on duty were also carefully defined. It is doubtful whether the powers and duties of the

Watchmen of Boston are now derived from this Act, or from the Revised Statutes. The Act, though providing for a voluntary Watch, also allowed a paid Watch whenever the inhabitants of any town should agree to support it.

By the Act of 1801, chap. 26, "The Selectmen of Boston are authorized to appoint such a number of the inhabitants, to be Watchmen by night, in the town of Boston, as they should judge expedient, to be paid at the charge of that town; the expenses that may be incurred by reason thereof to be raised, levied, and collected, as other expenses of said town are raised, levied, and collected"—such Watchmen to have the powers, &c., given by the Act of 1796."—*Ordinances, page 408-10.*

Under this Act, in 1812, the Selectmen established the Watch Department, which, with only the increase of numbers required by the growth of the City, has continued till the present time, and has proved so effective to protect the lives and property of our citizens. Under this same Act of 1801, the Mayor and Aldermen succeeding to the Selectmen, now appoint the members of the Watch Department.

From 1802 till the adoption of the City Charter, it was the custom for the inhabitants in town meeting assembled, annually to appropriate a certain sum for the Watch, which sum was expended under the direction of the Selectmen. Since the Charter was adopted, the City Council has each year appropriated a sum of money for the support of this Department, which has been expended under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen.

The Selectmen, while Boston was a town, and the Mayor and Aldermen, since it has been a city, have always fixed the compensation and decided upon the



number of the Watchmen, but the amount expended has been kept within the amount appropriated.

Whether the Mayor and Aldermen can legally so raise the pay of the Watchmen, or increase their number, in any one year, as to exceed by a large sum the amount appropriated for that purpose by the City Council, and bind the City by their action, has never been decided by any Court, and is a question of some doubt. It would seem to be proper and courteous in such a case to consult the Common Council, the popular branch by whom the appropriation must be made, and secure their co-operation before such action should be taken.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the custom since 1801, and the Act passed that year, authorize the Mayor and Aldermen to expend the sum appropriated by the City Council in any year, for the support of the Watch, in such manner, for that purpose, as they shall deem expedient, and that the members of the Watch Department have been paid under authority derived from the Statute of 1801.

It seems to your Committee that the payments to the Police should be authorized, and in order that there may be some authority for paying them, they recommend the adoption of the accompanying Order.

For the Committee,

CHARLES DEMOND.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, May 11, 1854.*

*Ordered*, That the compensation of the Police Officers, appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, according to law, shall be at the rate of two dollars per day: *Provided*, that this sum shall be in full for all services rendered by them to the City, and that they also account to the City for all sums due to or received by them as witnesses in the Police Court.

*City Document.—No. 51.*

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# CITY OF BOSTON.

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## AN ORDINANCE

IN RELATION TO THE

## SURVEY OF MARBLE.

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*In Common Council, May 11, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Feb. 6th, 1854.*

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Ordinances be directed to consider the expediency, and if deemed expedient, to report an Ordinance regulating the survey and measurement of Marble, under the Act of 1851.

Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor*.

*In Common Council, February 9, 1854.*

Concurred.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President*.

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*In Common Council, May 11, 1854.*

The Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the Order concerning the survey of Marble, have considered the matter and recommend the adoption of the accompanying Ordinance.

For the Committee,

CHARLES DEMOND.

## AN ORDINANCE

In relation to the Survey of Marble.

*Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. There shall be chosen, annually, in  
2 the month of June, by concurrent vote of the two  
3 branches of the City Council, one or more Sur-  
4 veyors of Marble, who shall hold their offices for  
5 one year, and until others are chosen in their places,  
6 and who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of  
7 the duties of their office.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the said Survey-  
2 ors to survey and admeasure all Marble imported  
3 into the City of Boston and offered for sale, and  
4 ascertain the number of cubic feet in each block,  
5 and the number of square feet in each slab of said  
6 Marble; and they shall give a certificate to the  
7 owner or vender thereof, in the form hereinafter  
8 provided.

SECT. 3. The fees for surveying said Marble  
2 shall be one cent and a half for each cubic foot, and  
3 one half of a cent for each square foot, surveyed  
4 as above directed, which shall be paid to the Sur-  
5 veyor by the owner or vender.

SECT. 4. The certificate to be given to the owner  
2 or vender of said Marble, shall specify the name of  
3 the owner or vender, the name of the place from  
4 which the Marble was imported, the number of cu-  
5 bic feet in each block, and the number of square  
6 feet in each slab surveyed, the amount of fees re-  
7 ceived, and the date of the certificate.

SECT. 5. No person shall sell any Marble im-  
2 ported into the City of Boston, unless the same  
3 shall have been surveyed, as required by this Ordi-  
4 nance, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars  
5 for each and every offence.

SECT. 6. This Ordinance shall take effect the  
2 first day of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen  
3 hundred and fifty-four.



*City Document.—No. 52.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**PETITION**  
**OF**  
**FORT HILL CORPORATION,**  
**FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR ACT, &c.**

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*To the Honorable City Council, of the City of Boston :*

Enclosed herewith is an official copy of the Act establishing the Fort Hill Corporation, in the City of Boston.

It will be perceived by the 9th section, that the co-operation of the City Council is necessary to give validity thereto ; your honorable body will therefore take such order upon it as in your wisdom may seem just and proper.

Respectfully,

Your obed't Serv'ts,

RALPH HUNTINGTON,  
WILLIAM WRIGHT,  
WILLIAM H. SANFORD.

*Boston, May 5th, 1854.*

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, May 8, 1854.*

Referred to Aldermen Dunham, Frost, and Williams, with such as the Common Council may join, with authority to print said Act.

Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor*.

*In Common Council, May 11, 1854.*

Concurred: and Messrs. Hatch, Bonney, Kendall, Goodwin, and Prince, were joined.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President*.

*May 15, 1854.*

Alderman DRAKE was appointed on the foregoing Committee, in place of OLIVER FROST, Esq., resigned.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk*.

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*In the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.*

## AN ACT

To establish the Fort Hill Corporation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Ralph Huntington, William Wright,  
2 William H. Sanford, their associates and successors,  
3 be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate,  
4 by the name of the Fort Hill Corporation, with all  
5 the powers and privileges, and subject to all the  
6 duties, restrictions and liabilities contained in the  
7 forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said Corporation shall have power to  
2 purchase, hold, and possess in fee simple or other-  
3 wise, any part, or all the land, with the building  
4 and other improvements thereon standing, situate in  
5 that part of Boston known as Fort Hill, and lying  
6 easterly of the estates fronting on Pearl Street be-  
7 tween Broad and Milk Streets, southerly of the  
8 estates fronting on Milk Street between Pearl and  
9 Batterymarch Streets, southerly and westerly of

10 Batterymarch Street, southerly of, the estates front-  
11 ing on Broad Street between Batterymarch and  
12 Purchase Streets, and westerly and northerly of that  
13 part of Broad Street between said Purchase Street  
14 and its intersection with said Pearl Street; and said  
15 Corporation shall have power to grant, sell and con-  
16 vey, in fee simple or otherwise, the said corporate  
17 property, or any part thereof, and to lease, mort-  
18 gage, improve, or otherwise manage the same, in  
19 such manner as may be deemed most for the inter-  
20 est of said Corporation, and by such forms of con-  
21 veyance, and contract, as the by-laws of the company  
22 shall provide; and said Corporation may hold per-  
23 sonal property, not to exceed in amount five hun-  
24 dred thousand dollars, and its whole capital stock  
25 shall not exceed three millions of dollars.

SECT. 3. The stock and property of said Corpo-  
2 ration shall be divided into shares not exceeding  
3 thirty thousand in number, certificates of which  
4 shall be issued under the seal of the Corporation,  
5 and signed by the President and Treasurer thereof,  
6 and said shares may be transferred by assignment  
7 on the back of the certificate, and be recorded by  
8 the Clerk of said Corporation in a book kept for  
9 that purpose.

SECT. 4. The business affairs of said Corporation  
2 shall be conducted by a Board of not more than  
3 nine, nor less than five Directors to be chosen annu-  
4 ally by ballot, each shareholder shall be entitled to  
5 as many votes as he may hold shares in the Corpo-  
6 ration: and a majority of the Directors so chosen,  
7 shall be necessary to form a quorum for the trans-  
8 action of business.

SECT. 5. The said Directors may make such  
2 equal assessments from time to time, as they may  
3 deem expedient and necessary, for the objects of the  
4 Corporation; and may direct the same to be paid to  
5 the Treasurer thereof; and if any proprietor shall  
6 neglect or refuse to pay any assessment, for the  
7 space of thirty days from the time the same shall  
8 have been due, the Directors may order the Treas-  
9 urer to sell said share or shares at public auction, to  
10 the highest bidder, after giving due notice thereof,  
11 and the same shall be transferred to the purchaser,  
12 and the delinquent proprietor shall be holden to  
13 pay said Corporation the balance, if his share or  
14 shares shall sell for less than the amount assessed  
15 thereon, with the interest and cost of sale; and shall  
16 be entitled to the overplus, if his share or shares  
17 shall sell for more than the assessment due, with  
18 interest and cost of sale: provided, however, that  
19 no assessment shall be laid on any share in said  
20 Corporation, of a greater amount in the whole, than  
21 one hundred dollars on each share.

SECT. 6. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City  
2 of Boston shall determine and prescribe in what  
3 manner said Corporation may dig down and lower  
4 the grade of said hill, and shall lay out streets of  
5 such width and direction as may be deemed for the  
6 public good, due reference being had to the rea-  
7 sonable accommodations of said Corporation, which  
8 streets shall be, and become public highways when-  
9 ever they shall have been accepted by the Mayor  
10 and Aldermen aforesaid: and said Mayor and Alder-  
11 men may discontinue the old streets for the conve-  
12 nience, accommodation, and benefit of said Corpora-  
13 tion: provided, however, that nothing in this act



14 shall be so construed as to authorize said Corpora-  
15 tion to take any lands belonging to any person  
16 or corporation, without the consent of the owner  
17 thereof: and in case any land necessary for the  
18 streets herein authorized to be laid out, shall be  
19 taken by the Mayor and Aldermen for the purpose  
20 of laying out or discontinuing any street or altering  
21 the grade thereof, the proprietors thereof shall be  
22 entitled to damages therefor, to be estimated and  
23 recovered in the manner provided by law for the  
24 recovery of damages occasioned by the laying out of  
25 highways: and said Corporation shall give satisfac-  
26 tory bonds to said Mayor and Aldermen to pay into  
27 the City Treasury all damages paid by said City for  
28 the laying out or discontinuance of any street, or by  
29 altering the grade thereof, and all expenses incurred  
30 thereby: and may require of said Corporation, a  
31 bond, with such conditions as the Mayor and Alder-  
32 men may prescribe in relation to the expense of  
33 providing sewers and drains in accordance with the  
34 conditions which may be imposed on said Corpora-  
35 tion relating to the discontinuance, laying out or  
36 lowering the grade of any street.

SECT. 7. This Act shall become void at the ex-  
2 piration of three years from the date thereof, unless  
3 the said Corporation shall, within that period, have  
4 expended a sum not less than one hundred thousand  
5 dollars upon the objects herein set forth.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall in any way  
2 limit, restrain or abridge the right which the City  
3 of Boston now have in and to the open space or  
4 common on the summit of the said Fort Hill.

SECT. 9. This Act shall be void and of no effect,  
2 unless the same shall be accepted by the City  
3 Council of Boston within one year from the date  
4 thereof.

*House of Representatives, April 28, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

OTIS P. LORD, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, April 28, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK, *President.*

April 29, 1854. Approved,

EMORY WASHBURN.

*Secretary's Office, May 2, 1854.*

A true copy, attest,

E. M. WRIGHT,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

*City Document.—No. 53.*

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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PETITION

OF

BOSTON AND CHELSEA RAILROAD CO.

FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR ACT, &c.

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*To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, and  
Common Council of said City.*

The undersigned herewith transmit a certified copy of the Act to incorporate the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company; and respectfully request, in behalf of themselves and their associates, that said Act may be accepted by your Board.

ISAAC STEBBINS,  
JOHN LOW,  
B. C. BARTLETT,  
THOMAS RUSSELL.

*May 15, 1854.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*May 15, 1854.*

Referred to Aldermen Dunham, Williams, and Washburn, with such as the Common Council may join, with authority to print said Act.

Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

*In Common Council, May 18, 1854.*

Concurred: and Messrs. Plummer, Hall, J. Davis, Mahan, and Chipman, were joined.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*In the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.*

### A N A C T

To incorporate the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Isaac Stebbins, John Low, Bradbury  
2 C. Bartlett, John Rice, Thomas Russell, their asso-  
3 ciates and successors, are hereby made a Corporation  
4 by the name of "The Boston and Chelsea Railroad  
5 Company," with power to construct, maintain and  
6 use a railway or railways, with convenient single or  
7 double tracks, between Boston, Charlestown and  
8 Chelsea, upon the following routes, viz: beginning  
9 upon the Boston and Salem Turnpike, now called  
10 Broadway in Chelsea, at some convenient point  
11 within one thousand feet of the line dividing Chel-  
12 sea from North Chelsea, thence upon and over said  
13 Broadway to Chelsea Bridge, thence upon and over  
14 said bridge, or upon and over lines adjoining either  
15 or both sides of said bridge as said Corporation may  
16 see fit, across Mystic River to Charlestown, thence  
17 upon and over the extension of said turnpike and  
18 upon and over Turnpike and Chelsea Streets in

19 Charlestown, to Charlestown Square in said City,  
20 thence upon and over said square to, upon, and  
21 over Warren Avenue, leading therefrom to Warren  
22 Bridge, thence upon and over said bridge across  
23 Charles River and Causeway Street to Beverly Street  
24 in Boston, thence upon and over Beverly Street to,  
25 over and upon Charlestown Street to Haymarket  
26 Square in said Boston, thence from Haymarket  
27 Square upon and over Charlestown and Causeway  
28 Streets in Boston to Charles River Bridge, thence  
29 upon and over said bridge to Charles or Main Street  
30 in Charlestown, thence over and upon said Charles  
31 or Main Street in said City to Charlestown Square,  
32 if the Board of Selectmen of Chelsea and the Mayor  
33 and Aldermen of Boston and Charlestown, respec-  
34 tively shall fix and determine the same within their  
35 respective limits; and said Corporation shall have  
36 power to fix, from time to time, such rates of com-  
37 pensation for transporting persons or property, as  
38 they may think expedient, not exceeding five cents  
39 for each passenger, and shall have all the powers  
40 and privileges, and be subject to all the duties,  
41 liabilities and restrictions set forth in the forty-  
42 fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and pro-  
43 vided; that at any time after the expiration of one  
44 year from the opening for use of the tracks of said  
45 railroad in any street in which the same may be  
46 located as provided by its Charter, the Mayor and  
47 Aldermen of the Cities of Boston and Charlestown,  
48 and the Selectmen of Chelsea respectively, may by  
49 the vote of the major part thereof, determine as to  
50 so much of said track as is located within the limits  
51 of their respective cities or town, that the same or  
52 any part thereof, be discontinued, and thereupon  
53 the location shall be deemed to be revoked, and the



54 tracks of said railroad shall forthwith be taken up  
55 and removed, in conformity with such vote or order  
56 of said Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen; pro-  
57 vided, such taking up and removal shall be at the  
58 expense of said Railroad Company.

SECT. 2. The Governor, by and with the advice  
2 and consent of the Council, shall appoint three  
3 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to fix and  
4 determine the location of said railroad upon said  
5 Charles River bridge, and Warren bridge, or upon  
6 lines running parallel thereto, and the manner in  
7 which the same shall be built thereon, or upon lines  
8 running parallel thereto, and the construction of  
9 suitable draws in said bridges, and the manner in  
10 which the same shall be managed and opened for  
11 the passage of vessels, and the attendance upon the  
12 same; and in case tolls shall be demanded for the  
13 passage of persons or vehicles over said bridges,  
14 the said Commissioners shall have power to fix and  
15 determine the amount which shall be paid by said  
16 Corporation, for such use of such bridges respec-  
17 tively; and in case the same shall be assented to by  
18 the Corporation, the same shall be binding upon the  
19 Commonwealth and said Corporation, so long as  
20 said bridges respectively remain the property of the  
21 Commonwealth, unless the same shall be released,  
22 or some part thereof by the Legislature; and in  
23 case said Corporation shall not accede to the rate of  
24 compensation as found by said Commissioners, the  
25 Supreme Judicial Court, upon petition of said Com-  
26 missioners, or of said Corporation, and upon notice  
27 to the other party, shall appoint three Commission-  
28 ers, who shall, upon due notice to the parties  
29 interested, proceed to determine and fix the rate

30 of compensation or toll; and the award of said  
31 Commissioners, or a major part of them, shall be  
32 binding upon the respective Corporations interested  
33 therein, until they shall have been rescinded or  
34 altered by Commissioners so appointed as aforesaid;  
35 but no such revision or alteration shall be made by  
36 such Commissioners within one year after such de-  
37 cision and award shall have been made. The Gov-  
38 ernor and Council shall fix the compensation of the  
39 Commissioners in this section mentioned, but the  
40 same shall be paid by said Corporation. If any  
41 other Railroad Corporation shall obtain from the  
42 Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, and  
43 the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charles-  
44 town, and also from Commissioners appointed by  
45 the Governor, authority to lay a track upon any  
46 route, or street, or bridge between Charlestown  
47 Square in said Charlestown, and Haymarket Square  
48 in said Boston, before the like authority shall have  
49 been obtained by this Corporation, then so much  
50 of this Act as authorizes the Corporation hereby  
51 created, to lay a track or tracks in said street, or  
52 route, or bridge, shall become void; but this Cor-  
53 poration may enter upon and use the track or  
54 tracks obtained by such Corporation, upon such  
55 route, or street, or bridge, in such mode and upon  
56 such rates of compensation as may be agreed upon;  
57 or in case of disagreement, such mode or rates to be  
58 fixed by three Commissioners, to be appointed by  
59 the Supreme Judicial Court.

SECT. 3. No railroad tracks shall be laid by said  
2 Corporation in Chelsea before the acceptance of this  
3 Act by the Board of Selectmen thereof, nor in

4 Charlestown, before the acceptance of the same by  
5 the City Council thereof, nor upon Chelsea bridge  
6 or any structure attached thereto, before a mutual  
7 arrangement to that effect shall have been made  
8 with said Chelsea Bridge Corporation, and such  
9 tracks shall be constructed in such manner, and  
10 laid at such distances from the sidewalks on the  
11 streets through which said railroad may be located  
12 under this Act, as said Boards may upon their ac-  
13 ceptance of this Act respectively direct, so far as  
14 relates to said track in their several towns and  
15 cities, provided, however, that before the location of  
16 this road by the Board of Selectmen of Chelsea, they  
17 shall give notice in some newspaper printed in said  
18 town, to the abutters on the streets through which  
19 said railroad is proposed to be located in said town,  
20 fourteen days at least, before the hearing; and that  
21 before the location of this road by the Board of  
22 Mayor and Aldermen of Charlestown, they shall  
23 give a like notice in some newspaper printed in said  
24 city, to the abutters on the streets through which  
25 said railroad is proposed to be located in said city;  
26 and that before the location of this road by the  
27 Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Boston, they shall  
28 give a like notice in some newspaper printed in  
29 Boston, to the abutters on the streets through  
30 which said railroad is proposed to be located in  
31 said city, that the abutters may respectively shew  
32 cause if any there be, why said location should not  
33 be made as aforesaid, and the written assent of said  
34 Corporation to any vote or votes of said Selectmen  
35 of said town, or of the Board of Mayor and Alder-  
36 men of either of said cities, shall be filed with the  
37 respective Clerks of said town or city.

SECT. 4. Said tracks or roads shall be operated  
2 and used by said Corporation with horse power  
3 only, and it shall not connect its track with any  
4 other railroad on which such power is used. The  
5 Selectmen of said Chelsea and the Mayor and Alder-  
6 men of said cities respectively, shall have power at  
7 all times, to make such regulations as to the rate of  
8 speed and mode of use of so much of said tracks as  
9 may be located within their respective town or  
10 cities, as the public convenience and safety may  
11 require. If the Corporation hereby authorized shall  
12 cross the Mystic River on lines adjoining either side  
13 of Chelsea bridge, the Corporation hereby created  
14 shall be subject to all the provisions of law re-  
15 quiring the proprietors of said bridge, to make and  
16 maintain draws, and to open the same for the pas-  
17 sage of vessels, and they shall be liable to all the  
18 penalties for neglect to comply with the provisions  
19 of law, in the same way in which the proprietors of  
20 said bridge are now liable. The Corporation hereby  
21 created may at any time purchase said bridge of  
22 the proprietors thereof, and also such portion of  
23 their turnpike as is within Chelsea and Charles-  
24 town, and said proprietors are hereby authorized  
25 to sell said bridge, and also such portion of their  
26 turnpike at such price as may be agreed upon, with  
27 all the rights, and subject to all the duties and  
28 liabilities appertaining to said proprietors, and in  
29 case of any disagreement between said Corporation  
30 and the proprietors of said bridge, as to the mode in  
31 which this Corporation shall cross said bridge, or as  
32 to the compensation to be made to said proprietors  
33 for such crossing, such mode of crossing and rate of  
34 compensation shall be fixed by three Commissioners,  
35 to be appointed and paid as herein before provided.



SECT. 5. Said Corporation shall maintain and keep in repair such portions of the streets in said cities and town as shall be occupied by their tracks, and shall be liable for any loss or injury that any person may sustain by reason of any carelessness, neglect or misconduct of its agents or servants in the management, construction or use of said tracks, road or bridges, and in case any recovery shall be had against either of said town or cities, or said Salem Turnpike and Chelsea Bridge Corporation, by reason of such defect or want of repair, said Railroad Corporation shall be liable to pay the said town, cities, and bridge corporations respectively, any sums recovered against them, together with all costs and reasonable charges incurred by said town, cities, or bridge corporation, or either of them in the defence of any such suit or suits in which recovery shall be had, and shall not encumber any portion of the street or bridges not occupied by said road or tracks.

SECT. 6. If any person shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct said Corporation in the use of said road or tracks, or the passing of the cars or carriages of said Corporation thereon, such persons, and all who shall be aiding or abetting therein, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or may be imprisoned in the common jail for a period not exceeding three months. If said Corporation, or its agents or servants, shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct any highway, or the passing of any carriage over the same, such Corporation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said Corporation shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, and no share shall be issued for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall be first issued.

SECT. 8. Said Corporation shall have power to purchase and hold such real estate within said town and cities, or either of them, as may be convenient and necessary for the purposes and management of said road.

SECT. 9. The Town of Chelsea and the Cities of Boston and Charlestown, may at any time during the continuance of the charter of said Corporation, and after ten years from the opening of any part of said road for use, purchase of said Corporation all the franchise, property rights and furniture of said Corporation, by paying them therefor such a sum as will reimburse to each person who may be then a stockholder therein, the par value of his stock, together with a net profit of ten per cent. per annum, from the time of the transfer of said stock to him on the books of the Corporation, deducting the dividends received by said stockholder thereon.

SECT. 10. The said road shall be constructed and maintained in such form and manner, and upon such grade, and with such gauge, as the Selectmen and the Mayor and Aldermen, of said town and cities respectively, may in their votes accepting this Act as herein provided, prescribe and direct as to so much of said road as may be located in the public



8 streets of their respective town and cities as afore-  
9 said; and whenever in the judgment of said Railroad  
10 Corporation, it shall be necessary to alter the grade  
11 of any street so occupied by it, such alteration may  
12 be made at the sole expense of said Corporation,  
13 provided, the same shall be assented to by the  
14 Selectmen and Mayor and Aldermen of said town  
15 and cities respectively, as aforesaid.

SECT. 11. Nothing in this Act contained shall  
2 be construed to prevent the town and city author-  
3 ities of either of said town and cities or said bridge  
4 corporation from entering upon and taking up any  
5 of the public streets or bridges traversed by said  
6 railroad, for any purpose for which they may now  
7 lawfully take up the same.

SECT. 12. This Act shall be void, so far as it  
2 relates to the right to construct said road in the  
3 streets or roads of any city or town, unless the same  
4 shall be accepted by the City Council of said city or  
5 the Selectmen of said town respectively, and unless  
6 the same shall be accepted by said Company, and  
7 ten per cent. of the capital stock thereof paid in  
8 within two years from the passage of this Act.

SECT. 13. Said Corporation shall be deemed a  
2 Railroad Corporation so far as to make such annual  
3 returns to the Legislature as are or may be pre-  
4 scribed by law, but not to the other general provi-  
5 sions of law in relation to railroad corporations.

SECT. 14. The existence of said Corporation is  
2 hereby limited to the period of fifty years from the

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3 passage hereof, provided nevertheless, that the Leg-  
4 islature may at any time repeal this Act, or limit  
5 and restrict the powers herein granted.

*House of Representatives, April 29, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

OTIS P. LORD, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, April 29, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK, *President.*

April 29, 1854. Approved,

EMORY WASHBURN.

*Secretary's Department, Boston, May 4, 1854.*

A true copy, attest,

E. M. WRIGHT,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

*City Document.—No. 54.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**R E P O R T**  
**OF**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,**  
**ON CASE OF A CHILD EXCLUDED FROM A PUBLIC**  
**SCHOOL OF THIS CITY.**

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*May 22, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:        S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*



## CITY OF BOSTON.

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The Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction, to which was referred an order passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, April 3d, 1854, and concurred in by the Common Council, April 10, 1854, that "the Committee on Public Instruction investigate and report, if any children entitled to the benefits of our public schools are unjustly excluded therefrom," have attended to the subject, and

### R E P O R T :

As some objection was made to the passage of this order, upon the ground that the subject matter embraced in it was entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the City Council, and belonged exclusively to the School Committee, it may not be amiss to say a few words, upon the relation these two branches of the City Government bear to each other. Both are elected by the people, and while to the School Committee the whole interior management of the schools is committed, the *money, the very life blood* which keeps them in motion, can *only* be procured by the action of the City Council. Not a school house can be built, till the City Council specially authorize it—they can at any time limit the payment of the salaries of the teachers, and virtually close the schools, if they see fit, and are responsible for the exercise of this power only to the people. By the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council, "a Committee on Public Instruction, to consist of the Mayor,

two Aldermen, and the President and four members of the Common Council," is required to be appointed annually; there is no record of the duties and responsibilities of this Committee, but, by common consent and long usage, it has grown to be the medium through which the School Committee communicate with the City Council. It is obvious such a committee has *something* to do with the Public Schools, or it would not have been created; and though it is to be regretted, that those duties have not been more clearly defined, it is apparent to us that if this Committee has no *authority* over the interior management of the schools, the duty of *advising* with the School Committee, unquestionably belongs to it. It is foreign to our purpose to argue this point *at length*, it appears to us that the bare statement of the fact, must carry conviction with it. Assuming, then, the *advising power* of the Committee on Public Instruction, it was eminently appropriate, that the subject referred to in the order, should be committed to this Committee, and if treated in a proper spirit, we anticipate much good will result from the discussion.

Deeming it necessary to say thus much, to show that the subject was legitimately before us, we come now to the important questions involved in the order under consideration. Some time in the fall of the year 1853, a lad, named Pindall, whose parents were of African descent, but whose mixture of Indian and White blood in their offspring would hardly lead any one to suspect his origin, was admitted to a Primary School of which Miss Turner was the teacher, and Rev. Andrew Cushing the local committee. After a day or two, it was discovered that he was of *colored parentage*, and he was told by the committee or the teacher, that he could not be allowed to attend there any longer; he accordingly



left. Accidentally meeting the lad at the office of the City Solicitor some time afterwards, some of the Committee on Public Instruction were astonished, that any objection should be expressed at the admission of the boy to any of our public schools, as few would suspect, without a close examination, that he had African blood in his veins. A knowledge of these facts led to the offering of the order now before us. We do not propose to pursue *this* case any further, as legal proceedings have been instituted against the City on account of the expulsion of the child, and therefore, whatever may be our feelings and opinions, we deem it our duty, now that it is before a legal tribunal, to refrain from any expression of opinion, either upon this case in particular, or upon the more general question, what *legal rights* a member of the Primary Board, or the Board itself, could have, to take any step in such a matter. Upon the *general* question of the exclusion of colored children from our public schools, we feel that we have a right to express ourselves, respectfully, but firmly. In no other city or town in the Commonwealth, is any distinction made in admitting children to the public schools on the ground of color, and it will perhaps surprise members of the City Council to be informed, that no *rule or regulation* excluding colored children from our Schools exists, as will appear from the following certificates from the Secretary of the Primary School Committee, Charles Demond, Esq., and from the Secretary of the Grammar School Committee, Barnard Capen, Esq.

## MR. DEMOND'S CERTIFICATE.

*Boston, May 5, 1854.*

I have examined the records of the Primary School Committee, and find no vote forbidding the admission of the colored children into any Primary School.

CHARLES DEMOND, *Sec'ry.*

## MR. CAPEN'S CERTIFICATE.

I have examined carefully the records of the School Committee, from 1792, to the present time, and do not find on said records any rule, resolution or order, excluding colored children from the Grammar Schools. In the year 1852, however, a colored citizen of East Boston, petitioned to be allowed to send his children to the Chapman School, urging as a prominent reason, the expense of the Ferry. The Board did not grant this petition, but procured a free pass for the children at the Ferry.

BARNARD CAPEN, *Sec'y.*

Notwithstanding these certificates, however, it is well known, that practically colored children, of age suitable for admission to the Grammar Schools, are excluded from them all, except the Smith School, which is situated in the neighborhood where resides the moiety of our colored citizens, and is of difficult, if not impracticable, access to those who reside at a distance from its locality. In some of the Primary Schools, we rejoice to know that colored children are admitted on precisely the same principles that regulate the admission of other children, and that no injurious effects have followed, either to the school, the teacher, or the children. Everything proceeds with harmony, pleasantness and success, and it is a gratifying thought, that the children of these schools will grow up without that unchristian prejudice against color, now so prevalent in the community.

The experience of those familiar with the operation of the same system in other towns and cities of the Commonwealth, where no distinction of color exists in the schools, is uniformly to the same purport. If, then, it works beneficially, both in our Primary Schools in Boston and in all the Public Schools in other parts of the Commonwealth, it may well be asked, "why would it not work well in all the Public Schools of Boston, both Grammar and Primary?" We believe such a sys-

tem would succeed, and we therefore earnestly entreat the School Committee to give it a fair trial, and to grant permits to colored, as well as white, children to enter the schools nearest their residences. By the decision of the Supreme Court, delivered by Chief Justice Shaw, in the case of *Roberts vs. City of Boston*, the right to establish, and consequently to abolish a separate school for colored children, is declared to be vested in the School Committee, and we feel that they ought to exercise that right in accordance with the progress of the age, of humanity, and of Christianity. We can see no objection to such a course of action, while there are many reasons which would favor its adoption. The laws of the State, in their spirit and expression, are clearly adverse to any separation or exclusion of colored children from the benefits of common schools. The Legislature, in the enactment of its school laws, has uniformly acted upon the principle of the equality of all the members of the State, of whatever class, color or condition. By an act passed as late as May, 1852, it is provided, (section 1st,) that, "Every person who shall have any child under his control, between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall send such child to some public school, within the town or city in which he resides, during at least twelve weeks in each and every year."

Section 2. "Every person who shall violate the provisions of the first section of this act, shall forfeit to the use of such town or city, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars."

By a subsequent act, passed during the same year, it is provided that "any minor between the ages of six and fifteen years, convicted of not attending school, or of growing up in ignorance, may be committed to the House of Reformation, or County Jail, at the discretion

of the Court." Here is an imperative order, laid upon all, the colored and the white, to give a proper education to their children—and the doors of our public schools should be thrown wide open to all, without distinction, without division. But if a colored child at East Boston, or South Boston, or at the remote North or South End, should seek to enter, he would be denied admittance, and pointed to the distant Smith School, as the *only* place where he could receive an education at the public expense. It would be physically impossible for him to comply with the request, and seek his education there, and the result would be he must grow up in ignorance, and subject himself to the penalties of the laws of the Commonwealth. The injustice of such regulations is too apparent to be argued, and we earnestly appeal to the School Committee to remedy it.

Every friend of law and order should be in favor of allowing all classes of citizens to participate *equally*, as well as generally, in the privileges of our public schools; for our republican government is founded upon the general intelligence of our citizens. The people cannot be expected to obey the laws, if they are not allowed the means of being made acquainted with them; therefore their education is of primary importance, not only that they may know what the statutes are that they must obey, but that they may also know the advantages of a well ordered, obedient community, in developing the morality, the prosperity, and the happiness, of all. The School Committee could confidently count upon the support of that large and intelligent body of the community, who favor law and order. The destruction of the spirit of caste, now engendered by the exclusive system, would be hailed by them as a conservative step in the administration of our school.

affairs. The continuation of the exclusive system, in this enlightened age and in this philanthropic city, is doing more injury to that common school system, which is our pride and boast, than any other influence. It creates a prejudice against a class of inoffensive citizens, which will serve to develop a still stronger prejudice against another and a larger class. Dissatisfaction is sometimes expressed at the use of certain books in our schools, and it is hinted that the school fund should be divided, as some of our religious sects are anxious to have their share, and establish separate schools. With one voice the Committee would say, "it is an unwise request;" and it doubtless is so, but the favor asked is founded upon the same general principle, as is this system which excludes colored children from the benefits of all our grammar school instruction, and from that of many of our primary schools. Let us, then, pursue that judicious course, that would tend to destroy this prejudice of class against class, and secure to all our citizens, of whatever color or creed, *equal rights and equal privileges*.

We might continue this subject at much greater length, but enough we think has been said to show the advantages of placing the cap-stone of *equality* upon the fair and noble fabric of our common school system of education.

To the gentlemen of the School Committee we refer the whole subject, earnestly beseeching them to look upon it with candor, and to give it their cool and impartial consideration; and we trust that their decision may be of such a nature, that, if Boston is to be the *last* place in Massachusetts to abolish the separation of races in conducting her school system of education, we may at least have the pride of knowing that she is the *first* of all the large cities in the Union, to establish the



great fact of the *equal* right of *all* to participate in the benefits of a common school education. The Committee recommend the passage of the following order.

For the Committee,

GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Report be transmitted to the School Committee, as an expression of the opinion of the City Council, together with the wish, that the subject may receive at their hands, an early and candid consideration.



*City Document.—No. 55.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**PETITION**

**OF**

**MIDDLESEX RAILROAD COMPANY,**

**FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR ACT, &c.**

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*To the City Council of the City of Boston.*

The undersigned herewith transmit to the City Council, a certified copy of the charter of the Middlesex Railroad, and on behalf of the Corporation in said charter mentioned, pray that said act may be accepted by the City Council.

JAMES LEE, JR.  
ASA FISK.

*Boston, May 18, 1854.*

*In Common Council, May 18, 1854.*

Referred to the Committee on the Petition of the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*May 22, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*In the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.*

### A N A C T

To incorporate the Middlesex Railroad Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Asa Fisk, Richard Downing, David  
2 Kimball,—their associates and successors,—are here-  
3 by made a corporation, by the name of the Middle-  
4 sex Railroad Company; with power to construct,  
5 maintain and use a railway or railways, with conve-  
6 nient single or double tracks, from such point or  
7 points of the town of Somerville, as shall be fixed by  
8 the Selectmen of said town, with the assent of said  
9 corporation in writing, expressed and filed with said  
10 Selectmen,—and upon and over such of the streets  
11 and highways of said town, as shall be from time to  
12 time fixed and determined by said Selectmen, with  
13 the written assent of said corporation, filed as afore-  
14 said, to the intersection of the same with the streets  
15 and highways with those of the city of Charlestown,  
16 and thence upon and over such of said streets, as  
17 shall be from time to time fixed and determined by  
18 the Mayor and Aldermen of said city, and assented  
19 to in writing by said corporation,—to Charlestown  
20 square, and from Charlestown square through War-  
21 ren avenue to Warren Bridge,—and upon and over

22 said bridge, to the city of Boston ; and thence upon  
23 and over such of the streets of said city as shall be  
24 from time to time fixed and determined by the  
25 Mayor and Aldermen of said city, to such point or  
26 points near Haymarket square, as shall be fixed and  
27 determined by said Mayor and Aldermen, and as-  
28 sented to in writing by said corporation ; and thence  
29 upon and over Charlestown and Causeway streets,  
30 as shall be from time to time fixed and determined  
31 by said Mayor and Aldermen, if they shall deem it  
32 expedient to determine and fix the same, and as-  
33 sented to in writing by said corporation, to Charles  
34 River Bridge,—and over and upon said bridge, and  
35 through Charles street, in said Charlestown, to  
36 Charlestown square aforesaid: *Provided, however,*  
37 that all tracks of said railroad shall be laid at such  
38 distances from the side-walks in said cities, as the  
39 Mayor and Aldermen of said cities, respectively, and  
40 the Selectmen of said town of Somerville, shall, in  
41 their orders, fixing the routes of said railroad, de-  
42 termine to be for the public safety and convenience.  
43 And said corporation shall have power to fix, from  
44 time to time, such rates of compensation for trans-  
45 porting persons and property, as they may think  
46 expedient, not exceeding five cents for each passen-  
47 ger ; and shall have all the powers and privileges,  
48 and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and re-  
49 strictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of  
50 the Revised Statutes. Notice to abutters on streets  
51 in which it may be proposed to lay the tracks of  
52 said corporation, shall be given by the publication  
53 in one or more newspapers, published in the cities  
54 of Boston and Charlestown, respectively, of an order  
55 of notice from the Mayor and Aldermen of said  
56 respective cities, and the Selectmen of Somerville,

57 fourteen days at least prior to the location of any  
58 such tracks: *Provided, however,* that at any time  
59 after the expiration of one year from the opening  
60 for use of the tracks of said railroad, in any street  
61 in which the same may be located, as provided by  
62 its charter, the Mayor and Aldermen of the cities  
63 of Boston and Charlestown, and the Selectmen of  
64 Somerville, respectively, may, by vote of the major  
65 part thereof, determine as to so much of said track  
66 as is located within the limits of their respective  
67 cities or town, that the same, or any part thereof,  
68 be discontinued; and thereupon the location shall  
69 be deemed to be revoked, and the tracks of said  
70 railroad shall forthwith be taken up and removed,  
71 in conformity with such vote or order of said Mayor  
72 and Aldermen, or Selectmen: *Provided,* such taking  
73 up and removal shall be at the expense of said  
74 Railroad Company.

SECT. 2. The Governor, by and with the advice  
2 and consent of the Council, shall appoint three  
3 commissioners, whose duty it shall be to fix and  
4 determine the location of said railroad upon said  
5 Charles River Bridge and Warren Bridge, or upon  
6 lines running parallel thereto, and the manner in  
7 which the same shall be built thereon, or upon  
8 lines running parallel thereto, and the construction  
9 of suitable draws in said bridges, and the manner in  
10 which the same shall be managed and opened for  
11 the passage of vessels, and the attendance upon the  
12 same; and in case tolls shall be demanded for the  
13 passage of persons or vehicles over said bridges, the  
14 said commissioners shall have power to fix and de-  
15 termine the amount which shall be paid by said  
16 corporation, for such use of such bridges respect-  
17 ively; and in case the same shall be assented to by

18 the corporation, the same shall be binding upon the  
19 Commonwealth and said corporation, so long as said  
20 bridges respectively remain the property of the Com-  
21 monwealth, unless the same shall be released, or  
22 some part thereof, by the Legislature; and in case  
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24 pensation as found by said commissioners, the Su-  
25 preme Judicial Court, upon petition of said commis-  
26 sioners or of said corporation, and upon notice to  
27 the other party, shall appoint three commissioners,  
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29 proceed to determine and fix the rate of compensa-  
30 tion or toll; and the award of said commissioners,  
31 or a major part of them, shall be binding upon the  
32 respective corporations interested therein, until they  
33 shall have been revised or altered by commissioners  
34 so appointed as aforesaid; but no such revision or  
35 alteration shall be made by such commissioners  
36 within one year after such decision and award shall  
37 have been made. The Governor and Council shall  
38 fix the compensation of the commissioners in this  
39 section mentioned, but the same shall be paid by  
40 said corporation. If any other railroad corporation  
41 shall obtain from the Mayor and Aldermen of the  
42 city of Boston, and the Mayor and Aldermen of the  
43 city of Charlestown, and also from commissioners  
44 appointed by the Governor, authority to lay a  
45 track upon any route, or street, or bridge, between  
46 Charlestown square, in said Charlestown, and Hay-  
47 market square, in said Boston, before the like au-  
48 thority shall have been obtained by this corporation,  
49 then so much of this act, as authorizes the corpora-  
50 tion hereby created, to lay a track or tracks in said  
51 street, or route, or bridge, shall become void; but  
52 this corporation may enter upon and use the track



53 or tracks obtained by said corporation, upon such  
54 route, or street, or bridge, in such mode and upon  
55 such rates of compensation, as may be agreed upon ;  
56 or in case of disagreement, such mode or rates shall  
57 be fixed by three commissioners, to be appointed by  
58 the Supreme Judicial Court.

SECT. 3. Either of the cities of Boston or Charles-  
2 town, or the town of Somerville may, at any time  
3 during the continuance of the charter of said corpo-  
4 ration, and after the expiration of ten years from  
5 the opening of said road, or any part thereof for  
6 use, purchase that part of the corporation property  
7 of the Company, which relates to, or lies within  
8 their limits, paying therefor a just proportional part  
9 of the sum which will reimburse to each person  
10 who may then be a stockholder therein, the par  
11 value of his stock, together with a net profit of ten  
12 per cent. per annum, from the time of the transfer  
13 of the said stock to him on the books of the corpo-  
14 ration, deducting therefrom the dividends received  
15 by said stockholders thereon, to be ascertained by  
16 commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Ju-  
17 dicial Court.

SECT. 4. Said tracks or roads shall be operated  
2 and used by said corporation with horse power only,  
3 and it shall not connect its track with any other  
4 railroad on which other power is used. The Mayor  
5 and Aldermen of said cities, respectively, shall have  
6 power at all times, to make all such regulations as  
7 to the rate of speed and mode of use of said tracks,  
8 as the public convenience and safety may require.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall maintain and  
2 keep in repair such portion of the streets and  
3 bridges respectively, as shall be occupied by their  
4 tracks, and shall be liable for any loss or injury that

5 any person may sustain by reason of any careless-  
6 ness, neglect or misconduct of its agents and ser-  
7 vants in the management, construction or use of  
8 said tracks, roads or bridges, and in case any re-  
9 covery shall be had against either of said cities or  
10 said town by reason of such defect or want of re-  
11 pair, said corporation shall be liable to pay to said  
12 cities or said town respectively, any sums thus re-  
13 covered against them, together with all costs and  
14 reasonable expenditures incurred by said cities or  
15 said town, or either of them, in the defence of any  
16 such suit or suits, in which recovery shall be had ;  
17 and said corporation shall not encumber any por-  
18 tion of the streets or bridges not occupied by said  
19 road or tracks.

SECT. 6. If any person shall wilfully and ma-  
2 liciously obstruct said corporation in the use of said  
3 road or tracks, or the passing of the cars or carriages  
4 of said corporation thereon, such person and all  
5 who shall be aiding or abetting therein shall be  
6 punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dol-  
7 lars, or may be imprisoned in the common jail for a  
8 period not exceeding three months.

SECT. 7. If said corporation, or its agents or  
2 servants, shall wilfully or maliciously obstruct any  
3 highway, or the passing of any carriages over the  
4 same, such corporation shall be punished by a fine  
5 not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SECT. 8. The capital stock of said corporation  
2 shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars, to  
3 be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.  
5 And no shares in the capital stock shall be issued,  
6 for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on  
7 each, than the par value of the shares which shall  
8 first be issued.

SECT. 9. Said corporation shall have power to  
2 purchase and hold such real estate within said  
3 cities, or either of them, or said town, as may be  
4 convenient or necessary for the purposes and man-  
5 agement of said road.

SECT. 10. The said road shall be constructed and  
2 maintained, in such form and manner, and upon  
3 such grade, and with such gauge, as the Mayor and  
4 Aldermen of said cities and Selectmen of said town  
5 respectively, may, in their votes fixing and determin-  
6 ing the routes thereof, as aforesaid, prescribe and  
7 direct; and whenever, in the judgment of said rail-  
8 road corporation, it shall be necessary to alter the  
9 grade of any street so occupied by it, such alteration  
10 may be made at the sole expense of said corporation,  
11 provided the same shall be assented to by the Mayor  
12 and Aldermen of said cities, and the Selectmen of  
13 said town respectively.

SECT. 11. Nothing in this act shall be construed  
2 to prevent the city authorities of either of said cities,  
3 or the Selectmen of said town, from entering upon  
4 and taking up any of the public streets or bridges  
5 traversed by said railroad, for the purpose for which  
6 they may now lawfully take up the same.

SECT. 12. This act shall be void, so far as relates  
2 to the right to construct said road in either of said  
3 cities or town, unless the same shall be accepted by  
4 the City Councils of said cities and the Selectmen of  
5 said town respectively, and unless the same shall be  
6 accepted by said corporation, and unless ten per  
7 cent. of the capital stock thereof shall be paid in  
8 within two years from and after the passage of this  
9 act.

SECT. 13. Said corporation shall be deemed a  
2 railroad corporation, so far as to be subject to make

3 such annual returns to the Legislature as are, or  
4 may be prescribed by law, but not to the other  
5 general provisions of law in relation to railroad  
6 corporations.

SECT. 14. The existence of said corporation is  
2 hereby limited to the period of fifty years from the  
3 passage of this act, *provided, nevertheless*, that the  
4 Legislature may at any time repeal this act, or limit,  
5 restrict or annul any powers herein granted.

*House of Representatives, April 28, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

OTIS P. LORD, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, April 28, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK, *President.*

April 29, 1854. Approved,

EMORY WASHBURN.

*Secretary's Office, Boston, May 6, 1854.*

A true copy, attest,

E. M. WRIGHT,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

*City Document.—No. 56.*

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT ON  
LEASES.

1854.

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*In Common Council, June 15, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*





CITY OF BOSTON.

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AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

*June 15th, 1854,*

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL:

In conformity with the requirement of the Ordinance on Finance, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual Statement of Leases of the City property, as they existed on the 1st day of May last.

Very respectfully,

ELISHA COPELAND,

*Auditor of Accounts.*

SCHEDULE of the LEASES and RENTS of the CITY PROPERTY, on the first day of May, 1854, with the names of the *Lessees*, annual *Rates*, and times when the Leases expire, as required by the Ordinance on Finance. (*Revised Ordinances*, p. 123.)

Property.	Lessees.	Annual Rents.	Totals.	Expiration of Leases.
Court House,  				

LEASES.

[June,

Faneuil Hall,	George W. Minns, No. 20,	-	-	-	-	150.00	1st April, 1856.
	Charles M. Ellis, Nos. 21 and 23,	-	-	-	-	250.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	Henry F. Durant, No. 22,	-	-	-	-	300.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	<i>Attics,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Charles A Smith,	-	-	-	-	155.00	1st April, 1854.
	Manning & Glover, No 1, and Cellar,	-	-	-	-	8,955.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	E. Raymond & Co., Nos. 2 and 9, and Cellars,	-	-	-	-	2,000.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	Milton & Slocumb, Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7, and Cellar,	-	-	-	-	1,050.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	Gould & McAvoy, No. 8, and Cellar,	-	-	-	-	2,100.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	Joseph P. Conant, No. 3, and Cellar,	-	-	-	-	472.50	1st Jan., 1855.
Quincy Hall, City Building, City Hall, <i>Cellars,</i>		-	-	-	-	577.50	1st Jan., 1855.
	Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association,	-	-	-	-	6,200.00	1st April, 1855.
	William P. Barker— <i>Attic,</i>	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	At will.
	Charles Hickling, <i>East,</i>	-	-	-	-	20.00	At will.
	Munroe & Francis, <i>West,</i>	-	-	-	-	150.00	At will.
		-	-	-	-	350.00	
Old Hancock } School House, } Bridge Estate,* Jail Wharf,	"Ober Hall," Samuel Prince.	-	-	-	-	300.00	1st Jan., 1855.
	Samuel D. Bates.	-	-	-	-	1,200.00	1st April, 1856.
	Chamberlin & Foster,	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	
	do. adjacent wharf,	-	-	-	-	200.00	
Lands,	Lot on Harrison Avenue, R. H. Rice,	-	-	-	-	15.00	1st April, 1857.
	Lot at Junction of Ann and Commercial Streets,	-	-	-	-	100.00	At will.
		-	-	-	-	1,200.00	At will.
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>							
\$ 115.00							\$24,125.00

\* On Pemberton Hill, adjoining Scollay's Building.

## LEASES.

[June,

Property.	Lessees.	Annual Rents.	Totals.	Expiration of Leases.
Lands,	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$ 115.00	\$24,125.00	1st April, 1859.
	Lot on Brookline Street, - - - - -	95.00	{	At will, to be given
	Lot on Newton Street, J. Chickering, - - - - -	100.00		up 1st July, 1854.
	Lot on Chester Street and Harrison Avenue, McCrillis & Morse,	35.00		At will.
	Lot on Northampton Street and Harrison Avenue, William Cunningham, - - - - -	15.00		At will.
	Lot on Chester Street, East of Harrison Avenue, for Smith's shop, Bartholomew Shanahan, - - - - -	30.00		At will.
	Lot of Pasture Land, S. W. of Northampton Street, B. Donolan,	10.00		For Season.
	Grass on Vacant, Land, Samuel Ford, - - - - -	50.00		For Season.
Gravel Farm, Fos-	Portion of Gravel Farm in Dedham, - - - - -		450.00	At will.
Slip, between Fos-			80.00	At will.
ter's and Rowe's } Wharf.	Samuel R. Allen, - - - - -		50.00	At will.
Market House,	Rents as per Schedule of the Superintendent, annexed, viz : Stalls and Cellars, - - - - -	45,133.56		
	Outside Stands, - - - - -	1,042.50		
	Scales—estimated income,	800.00		
			46,976.06	
			\$71,681.06	

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 14th June, 1854.

ELISHA COPELAND, Auditor.

# FANEUIL HALL MARKET.

## STATEMENT OF THE RENTS,

*And the names of the Lessees of Stalls and Cellars in Faneuil Hall  
Market House, 1st day of May, 1854.*

Number of Stall.	Part of Cellars.	Monthly Rents.	Occupants.
1		\$ 22.10	Jesse Russell.
	1	58.33	Chamberlain & Delano.
2		22.10	Henry W. B. Frost.
	2	49.60	Follett & Alexander.
	3	12.50	Dinsmore & Walker.
3		22.10	Charles S. Drury.
4		22.10	Isaac & Lorenzo M. Dyer.
	4	20.71	Watts and Aldrich.
5		22.10	Frost & Philbrick.
	5	37.50	Reed & Watts.
6		22.10	Albert T. Brown.
	6	22.81	Benjamin Wood, 2d.
7		22.10	Ezekiel D. Dyer.
8		22.10	Samuel B. Kragman.
	9	21.08	Joseph Hayden.
9 & 11		44.20	Sewall Hiscock.
10 & 12		44.20	Curtis S. Dunbar.
13		22.10	Lewis H. Gray.
14		22.10	Abijah Leonard, jr.
15		22.10	Marlborough Williams.
16		22.10	William Melvin.
	16	8.12	Charles H. Coolidge.
17 & 19		33.80	John C. Davis.
18		24.05	Coggen & Eaton.
20		24.05	Joseph Squire.
21		24.05	Gilman S. Pierce.
	21	16.97	Almon Humphrey.
22	4	31.77	George Rust.
23 & 25	3	64.51	John P. Squire.
24		24.05	Boyd & Burt.
	4	8.09	Samuel S. King.
		\$835.59	<i>Carried forward.</i>

Number of Stall.	Part of Cellars.	Monthly Rents.	Occupants.
		\$ 835.59	<i>Brought forward.</i>
26		33.80	I. B. Atwood.
27		33.80	George W. Whittemore.
28		33.80	Flint & Richards.
29		24.05	James C. Squire.
30	3	31.08	Dinsmore & Walker.
31		24.05	Raymond & Kimball.
32	6	30.43	William B. Hovey.
33 & 35		48.10	Nathan Robbins, jr.
34		24.05	Hiland Lockwood.
36	6	33.61	Oren Robinson.
37 & 39	7	68.85	J. H. & A. Sumner.
38 & 40	7	63.94	Harrison Bird & Co.
41 & 43	8	62.17	Daniel Worthley.
42 & 44	8	59.26	Stephen Locke.
45		20.48	George H. Simonds.
46	8	45.39	Pratt & Paine.
47		33.80	Marshall Simonds.
48		33.80	Robbins & Lawrence.
49 & 51	9	64.07	Ebenezer Holden.
50 & 52	10	58.97	Samuel S. Learnard.
53 & 55	10	40.94	Emory Rice.
54		24.05	Russell & Kimball.
56	10	31.19	John Pearson.
57	11	30.20	Almon Humphrey.
58		24.05	James G. Sanderson.
59	11	30.20	Almon Humphrey.
60		24.05	Joseph Sherwin.
61 & 63	11	58.41	Dunbar & Potter.
62 & 64	11	66.54	I. S. Gross.
65 & 67	11	58.74	Edward W. Davis.
66 & 68	11½	62.79	Jonathan V. Fletcher.
69 & 71	12	75.29	J. F. Taylor.
70 & 72	12	59.38	Stearns & Butterfield.
73			Closet.
74 & 76	13	68.50	R. P. Benton.
75	17	37.70	John F. Payson.
77	14	37.53	Thomas P. Pulsifer.
78		24.05	Jonathan B. Severance.
79 & 81	15	72.67	Chamberlain, Kimball & Doe.
80	14	27.33	J. B. Severance.
82	14	48.56	Aaron Aldrich.
83	15	42.66	B. B. Davis.
84	15	40.52	Isaac P. Rand.
		\$2,648.44	<i>Carried forward.</i>



Number of Stall.	Part of Cellars.	Monthly Rents.	Occupants.
		\$2,648.44	<i>Brought forward.</i>
85	16	27.36	Charles Gowen.
86		24.05	Page Furber.
87	16	27.36	Hiram A. Gay.
88 & 90	16	54.82	Sands, Craft & Co.
89	16	33.75	Hall & Chessman.
91	16	26.54	Caleb C. Long.
92		24.05	William Moody.
93 & 95	17	66.75	Winn & Pitts.
94 & 96	21	61.10	Porter & Simmons.
97 & 99	18	65.78	Michael Tombs.
98 & 100	18	54.74	Whiting, Dana & Co.
101		33.80	Isaac Locke.
102	18	40.44	Stacy Hall.
103	20	45.60	John Hill.
104 & 106	19	71.21	J. H. & G. Curtis.
105		24.05	Roger S. Mackintosh.
107 & 109	19	65.46	James Hill.
108 & 110	20	57.26	Rand & Scott.
111 & 112		32.38	C. T. & H. H. Bradshaw.
113 & 115	22	27.62	Thomas Walker.
114, 116, 118, 120, & half of 122	22	62.14	Hawes & Newcomb.
117 & 119	22	27.62	Ebenezer Davis.
121 & 123	22	27.62	Brown & Hamilton.
127	22	13.81	Daniel C. Smith.
125 & 129	22	27.62	James Newcomb.
131	22	13.81	Anthony Holbrook.
124, 126, 128 130, 132, and half of 122	22	75.95	George Shattuck.
		<u>\$3,761.13</u>	per month, equal to \$45,133.56 per annum.

## STATEMENT OF THE RENTS

*Of out-door Permanent Stands, within the limits of Fanewil Hall Market, and names of Occupants, on the 1st day of May, 1854.*

Number of Stand.	Rents per Month.	Occupants.
1	\$ 18.75	James G. Hunt.
2	6.25	Peter Higgins.
3	12.50	Jesse Y. Baker.
4	12.50	Isaac Baker.
5	12.50	Anthony Holbrook.
6	15.00	Almon Humphrey.
7	12.50	Marcus A. Metcalf.
	\$ 90.00	Per month, being per annum, 1,080.00 Deduct for Stand No. 2, occupied only a portion of the year, - - - 37.50
		<u>\$1,042.50</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Annual amount of Rents for Stalls and Cellars, - -	45,133.56
do. do. do. do. Stands, - - -	1,042.50
Receipts from the Scales, estimated at - - -	800.00
	<u>\$46,976.06</u>

CHARLES B. RICE, *Superintendent.*

*City Document.—No. 57.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**PETITION**

OF

**DORCHESTER AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY,**

**FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR ACT, &c.**

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.

The undersigned respectfully represent that by an Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, they with their associates were incorporated under the name of the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company, a copy of the charter whereof is hereto annexed. And they further represent that, by the provisions thereof, the said charter must be accepted within two years from the date thereof by the City Council of the City of Boston, otherwise to be void.

They therefore respectfully request the acceptance thereof by the City Council of the City of Boston.

CHEEVER NEWHALL, } *two of the*  
JOHN J. MAY, } *Corporators.*

*Boston, June, 1854.*

*In Common Council, June 15, 1854.*

Referred to the Committee on the Middlesex Railroad Company with authority to cause the same to be printed.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*June 19, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*In the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.*

### A N A C T

To incorporate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad  
Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of  
the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Cheever Newhall, Edward King,  
2 John J. May, their associates and successors, are  
3 hereby made a Corporation, by the name of "THE  
4 DORCHESTER AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY," with  
5 power to construct, maintain and use a railway or  
6 railways, with convenient single or double tracks,  
7 from a point near the Lower Mills so called, in the  
8 town of Dorchester, upon and over the way or street  
9 heretofore known by the name of the Dorchester  
10 Turnpike, or Turnpike Street, to the line of the  
11 City of Boston, and thence upon and over such  
12 street in South Boston, as the Mayor and Aldermen  
13 of the City of Boston may determine, upon and over  
14 the North Free Bridge, and upon and over Sea and  
15 Broad Streets in the direction of State Street in said  
16 Boston, as shall from time to time be fixed and de-  
17 termined by vote of the Mayor and Aldermen of  
18 said city, and assented to in writing by said Rail-  
19 road Corporation : provided, that all tracks of said  
20 railroad shall be laid at such distance from the

21 side-walks in the City of Boston and town of Dor-  
22 chester, as the Mayor and Aldermen of said city, and  
23 the Selectmen of said town, respectively, shall deter-  
24 mine to be for the public safety and convenience,  
25 and the written assent of said Corporation to any  
26 vote of the Mayor and Aldermen of said city, or of  
27 the Selectmen of the said town, respectively, pre-  
28 scribing from time to time the route of said railroad,  
29 shall be filed with the respective Clerks of said city  
30 and town, and shall be taken and deemed locations  
31 thereof; and provided, that before the location or  
32 construction of any track in any street or highway,  
33 the Mayor and Aldermen of said city, and the Select-  
34 men of said town, respectively, shall give notice to  
35 the abutters thereon, by the publication in one or  
36 more newspapers, published in the said City of  
37 Boston and in the County of Norfolk, of an order  
38 of notice from said Mayor and Aldermen and Select-  
39 men, respectively, fourteen days at least, prior to  
40 the hearing upon the location of any part of such  
41 track, that the said abutters may shew cause, if any  
42 there be, why said track should not be so located  
43 and constructed; and the said Railroad Corporation  
44 shall have power to fix, from time to time, such  
45 rates of compensation for transporting persons or  
46 property thereon, as they may deem expedient, pro-  
47 vided that the rates of fare between any two stations  
48 in the City of Boston shall never exceed five cents  
49 for each passage of a person, unless with the assent  
50 of the Mayor and Aldermen of said city; and the  
51 said Railroad Corporation shall be subject to all the  
52 duties, restrictions and liabilities, and entitled to all  
53 the rights and privileges, prescribed by the forty-  
54 fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.



SECT. 2. The said tracks or railroad shall be  
2 operated and used by said Corporation with horse  
3 power only, and it shall not connect its track with  
4 any other railroad on which other power is used.  
5 The Mayor and Aldermen of said city, and the  
6 Selectmen of said town, respectively, shall have  
7 power at all times, to make all such regulations as  
8 to the rate of speed, and mode of use of said tracks,  
9 as the public convenience and safety may require.

SECT. 3. Said Corporation shall maintain and  
2 keep in repair such portions of the streets and  
3 bridges in the City of Boston, as shall be occupied  
4 by their tracks ; and they shall also keep the whole  
5 of the bed of any road in the town of Dorchester,  
6 which shall be thus occupied, in such repair,  
7 that the public travel or teaming over said Dor-  
8 chester turnpike, within the limits of the town of  
9 Dorchester, shall be well accommodated while said  
10 Railroad Corporation may continue to occupy any  
11 part of said turnpike, under this act. And the said  
12 Railroad Corporation shall be liable for any loss or  
13 injuries that any person may sustain by reason of  
14 any carelessness, neglect, or misconduct of its agents  
15 or servants, in the management, construction or use  
16 of said tracks or railroad, and in case any recovery  
17 shall be had against the said city or town, by reason  
18 of such defect or want of repair in, or use of, their  
19 said tracks or roads, said Corporation shall be liable  
20 to pay to said city and town, respectively, any sums  
21 thus recovered against them, together with all costs  
22 and reasonable expenditures incurred by said city  
23 or town, or either of them, in the defence of any  
24 such suit or suits, in which such recovery shall be

25 had ; and said Corporation shall not encumber any  
26 portion of the streets not occupied by the said rail-  
27 road or tracks.

SECT. 4. If any person shall wilfully or ma-  
2 liciously obstruct said Corporation in the use of said  
3 road or tracks, or the passing of the cars or car-  
4 riages of said Corporation thereon, such persons, and  
5 all who shall be aiding or abetting therein, shall be  
6 punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dol-  
7 lars, or may be imprisoned in the common jail for  
8 a period not exceeding three months. If said Cor-  
9 poration, or its agents or servants, shall wilfully and  
10 maliciously obstruct any highway, or the passing of  
11 any carriages over the same, said Corporation shall  
12 be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred  
13 dollars.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of the said Corporation  
2 shall not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand  
3 dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.  
4 And no shares shall be issued for a less sum to be  
5 actually paid in on each, than the par value of the  
6 shares which shall first be issued.

SECT. 6. Said Corporation shall have power to  
2 purchase and hold such real estate, within said city  
3 or town, as may be necessary or convenient for the  
4 purposes and management of said railroad.

SECT. 7. Either the said City of Boston, or town  
2 of Dorchester, if it so elect, may, during the contin-  
3 uance of the charter of said Corporation, and after  
4 the expiration of ten years from the opening of any  
5 part of said railroad for use, purchase of said Cor-

6 poration all the franchise, property, rights and  
7 furniture of said Corporation, by paying to said  
8 Corporation therefor, such a sum as will reimburse  
9 to each person, who may then be a stockholder  
10 therein, the par value of his stock, together with  
11 a net profit of ten per cent. per annum, from the  
12 time of the transfer of said stock to him on the  
13 books of the Corporation, deducting the dividends  
14 received by said stockholders thereon, said city and  
15 town having the right only to purchase that part of  
16 the corporate property within their own limits and  
17 jurisdiction respectively, and paying therefor a pro-  
18 portionate sum, on the basis above mentioned, to be  
19 ascertained and fixed by commissioners to be ap-  
20 pointed by the Supreme Judicial Court.

SECT. 8. At any time after the expiration of one  
2 year from the opening for use of the tracks of said  
3 railroad in any street or road in which the same  
4 may be located, as provided by its charter, the  
5 Mayor and Aldermen of the said city, and the  
6 Selectmen of the said town, respectively, may by  
7 vote of the major part thereof, determine as to so  
8 much of said track, as is located within their re-  
9 spective limits, that the same or any part thereof be  
10 discontinued; and thereupon, the location shall be  
11 deemed to be revoked, and the tracks of said rail-  
12 road shall forthwith be taken up and removed, in  
13 conformity with such vote or order of said Mayor  
14 and Aldermen, or Selectmen, provided that such  
15 taking up and removal shall be at the expense of  
16 said Railroad Corporation.

SECT. 9. The said railroad shall be constructed  
2 and maintained, in such form and manner, and upon  
3 such grade and with such gauge, as the said Mayor

4 and Aldermen and Selectmen, respectively, may, in  
5 their votes fixing and determining the routes thereof,  
6 prescribe and direct ; and whenever, in the judgment  
7 of said Railroad Corporation, it shall be necessary  
8 to alter the grade of any street or road, so occupied  
9 by it, such alteration shall be made at the sole ex-  
10 pense of said Corporation ; provided, the same shall  
11 be assented to by the said Mayor and Aldermen and  
12 Selectmen, respectively.

SECT. 10. The said railroad, or any part thereof,  
2 shall not be constructed until the above mentioned  
3 street or way heretofore known as the Dorchester  
4 Turnpike, shall have been laid out as a public high-  
5 way by the County Commissioners for the County  
6 of Norfolk, duly and according to law.

SECT. 11. If at any time, for the greater conve-  
2 nience of the inhabitants of that part of Boston  
3 called South Boston, it shall become desirable to  
4 construct a railroad by horse power from South  
5 Boston Point to the junction of Broadway and  
6 Turnpike Street, or other streets, any Corporation  
7 chartered for that purpose, shall have the right to  
8 connect with the road herein chartered, upon reason-  
9 able terms ; such terms, in case of dispute, to be  
10 ascertained and determined by commissioners ap-  
11 pointed for that purpose by the Supreme Judicial  
12 Court.

SECT. 12. Nothing in this Act shall be construed  
2 to prevent the authorities of said city or town, re-  
3 spectively, from taking up any of the public streets  
4 or roads traversed by said railroad, for the purposes  
5 for which they may now lawfully take up the same.

SECT. 13. This Act shall be void, so far as relates  
2 to the right to construct said road in either said  
3 city, or said town, unless the same shall be accepted  
4 by the City Council of the City of Boston, and the  
5 Selectmen of the town of Dorchester, and unless the  
6 same shall be accepted by the said Corporation, and  
7 ten per cent. of the capital stock thereof paid in  
8 within two years from the passage of this Act.

SECT. 14. The said Company shall be deemed a  
2 Railroad Corporation, so far as to be subject to  
3 make such annual returns to the Legislature, as are,  
4 or may be, prescribed by law, in relation to railroad  
5 corporations, but not to the other general provisions  
6 of law in relation to railroad corporations.

SECT. 15. The existence of said Corporation is  
2 hereby limited to the period of fifty years from the  
3 passage of this Act: *Provided, nevertheless,* that the  
4 Legislature may, at any time, repeal this Act, or  
5 limit, restrict, or annul any powers herein granted.

*House of Representatives, April 28, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

OTIS P. LORD, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, April 29, 1854.*

Passed to be enacted,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK, *President.*

April 29, 1854. Approved,

EMORY WASHBURN.

*Secretary's Department, Boston, May 3, 1854.*

A true copy, attest,

E. M. WRIGHT,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*





*City Document.—No. 58.*

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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REPORT  
ON  
REVISED CITY CHARTER.

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*In Common Council, June 29, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest :

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*



## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, May 18, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the Joint Special Committee on the City Charter cause a sufficient number of copies of the "Revised City Charter," as enacted by the Legislature of 1854, to be printed for distribution among the citizens, together with such remarks upon the changes proposed, as they shall deem proper for the explanation of such changes ; and also to prepare the forms of the propositions in which said Charter shall be submitted to the people, and report to the City Council.

Sent up for concurrence,

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*May 22, 1854.*

Concurred, and Alderman Drake was appointed on said Committee, in place of Alderman Frost, resigned.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, June 29, 1854.*

The Joint Special Committee on the City Charter, who were directed by an order of the City Council dated May 22, to take charge of the printing and distribution of copies of the Acts in relation to the Charter of the City of Boston, and also to report to the City Council a form of Proposition, whereby the same may be properly submitted to the people for their ratification, have attended to that subject, and ask leave to

### R E P O R T:

That *two* Acts relating to the Charter of the City of Boston were passed by the Legislature on the same day.

The *first* and principal Act contains *sixty-five* sections, and is numbered chapter 448 of the Statutes of 1854; and it provides, among other things, for the election of *twelve* Aldermen, upon *one general ticket*

The other Act, being chap. 449 of the Statutes of 1854, contains only *two* sections—the first of which provides for the election of *one Alderman by the voters of each Ward*; and the second section provides that said Act (chap. 449) shall not go into effect unless *both* Acts (chapters 448 and 449) shall be accepted by the people.

Therefore it is essential that each voter should declare his opinion on *both* Acts, and not vote *on one alone*.

To meet this state of facts, your committee have determined that the two propositions shall be submitted to the people on *one and the same ballot*, in the following form:

1. Are you in favor of accepting an Act entitled "An Act to revise the Charter of the City of Boston," passed April 29, 1854, (being chap. 448).

Ans. Yes or No.

2. Are you in favor of accepting an Act entitled "An Act *in addition* to an Act to revise the Charter of the City of Boston," passed April 29, 1854, (being chap. 449).

Ans. Yes or No.

From this it will be perceived that those persons, who are in favor of electing the twelve Aldermen on a General Ticket, will vote *for the first* proposition, and *against the second* one; and

Those persons who are in favor of the election of *one Alderman in each Ward*, will vote in *favor of both* propositions; because from the tenor of the last Act, unless the first proposition be adopted, the latter cannot possess any vitality, notwithstanding it receives an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Your committee recommend that the remarks, which are appended to the draft of the Revised Charter, (being City Doc., No. 27), so far as they are applicable to the

Acts herein mentioned, be also printed with said Acts, for distribution, to the end that the citizens may have the benefit of all the information possible, in relation to so important a subject.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

TISDALE DRAKE,  
PELHAM BONNEY,  
CALVIN P. HINDS.

*Ordered:* That *twenty thousand* copies of the Revised Charter of the City of Boston, and of the Act in addition thereto, also of the foregoing Report, and such remarks explanatory of the Charter, as the committee may deem necessary, be printed and distributed among the citizens of Boston, the expense thereof to be charged to incidental expenses, and miscellaneous claims.



*City Document—No. 59.*

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A U D I T O R ' S  
FORTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,  
AND THE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
1853---54.

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1852, MAY 1, (*both included*) 30 APRIL, 1854.



BOSTON:  
1854.

J. H. EASTBURN, CITY PRINTER.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, June 29, 1854.*

*Ordered*, That the Auditor of Accounts be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause to be printed and distributed, for the information of the inhabitants of the City, *Twelve Thousand Five Hundred* copies of the Auditor's Forty-second Annual Report, being an Account of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1853-54, together with copies of the Treasurer's Accounts for the same year.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*July 3, 1854.*

Passed in concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

A true Copy.

Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL.

*Auditor's Office, June 29th, 1854.*

The Auditor of Accounts has now the honor to submit to the City Council his Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures for the financial year which terminated with the month of April last, being the *forty-second* of the series.

The whole Receipts into the City Treasury for that year was as follows:—

|                                                  |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| On City Account,                                 | 3,588,498 65   |
| On County Account,                               | 47,398 11      |
|                                                  | <hr/>          |
|                                                  | 3,635,896 76   |
| Cash on hand at the commencement<br>of the year, | } 318,683 55   |
|                                                  | <hr/>          |
| Total means,                                     | \$3,954,580 31 |

The whole payments have been as follows:—

|                                           |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| On City Account,                          | 3,393,808 07   |
| On County Account,                        | 134,045 00     |
|                                           | <hr/>          |
| Total Payments,                           | 3,527,853 07   |
|                                           | <hr/>          |
| Cash Balance on hand 30th April,<br>1854, | } \$426,727 24 |
|                                           | <hr/>          |

This Balance is part of a Loan of \$600,000 authorized to meet in part the debt of \$810,900 which matures in the financial year 1854-55, part of which (\$161,000) has already been anticipated. This Loan was contracted at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. interest, and is payable in London, in July, 1878.

The Treasurer's accounts show a Balance against the COUNTY, this year, of \$86,716 89. To this amount should be added 9,700, paid for salaries of the officers of the Police Court, which is charged in the City account of Salaries. These items make the Balance against the County for 1853-54, \$96,416 89, against \$66,010 11 for 1852-53.

The Expenditures on County Account are mostly authorized, and drawn for, by Officers of the Courts, directly on the County Treasurer, and are wholly independent of any action of the City Government.

The CITY DEBT, as compared with that of last year, shows an increase of \$481,134 66. This is however mostly a nominal increase, as we have on hand, in cash, to meet this debt, the sum of \$383,959 27, which will be applied thereto. The real increase is thus shown to be only \$97,175 39, of which \$73,000 was obtained to pay for the new site for the City Library, on Boylston Street.

The amount of City Debt which will be payable in the present financial year (1854-55) is \$653,900—all of which will be met without resorting to additional Loans.

• Prior to 1853, the PUBLIC LANDS were managed by a Joint Standing Committee of the City Council, consisting of the Mayor, two Aldermen, and five members of

the Common Council. In February, 1853, a Special Committee was appointed to consider the subject of a change in the system of management and sale of these Lands, in conformity to a suggestion of Mayor Seaver, in his inaugural address of that year.

That Committee made a report in March, 1853, the result of which was the establishment of the present Board of LAND COMMISSIONERS, which consists of one Alderman, one Councilman, and five Citizens at large; they are chosen annually by concurrent vote of the City Council, but cannot serve more than five years consecutively. This Board is ultimately to have the whole management of the Lands, in the same way that the Cochituate Water Board have of the Water Works.

By the Report of the Joint Special Committee on Public Lands, made to the City Council it appears that, under the direction of the various committees, between April, 1846, and the date of their Report in March, 1853, about 1,500,000 square feet of land, exclusive of streets, had been reclaimed from a very unhealthy and worse than useless condition, and rendered eligible and desirable for private dwellings and business purposes. Nearly five miles of streets had been filled up and graded; common sewers laid therein, sidewalks made and edge stones put down in a large portion of them. Five public squares had been laid out and enclosed with iron fences, and in other respects, rendered pleasant and attractive places of resort. Seven stone fountains had been completed; about 1,000 trees set out, and 3,000 feet of sea wall constructed. These extensive and important improvements were made at an expenditure of \$504,290, which sum was appropriated as follows:—

|                                                                                                                |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Purchase of 506,062 square feet of marsh and flats, - - - - -                                                  | \$63,937         |
| Filling up and grading 5 miles of Streets, say -                                                               | 60,000           |
| Laying down 16,170 feet Common Sewer, -                                                                        | 24,936           |
| 5,000 feet Iron Fence, for Public Squares, -                                                                   | 20,000           |
| Building seven Stone Fountains, - - -                                                                          | 4,000            |
| Paving Sidewalks, setting Edgestones, and setting out 1,000 Trees, - - - -                                     | 6,100            |
| Constructing 3,000 feet Sea Wall, - - -                                                                        | 20,000           |
| Filling up 1,500,000 square feet of land, and all other expenses for surveying, making plans, &c. &c., - - - - | 305,317          |
| Total, - - - -                                                                                                 | <u>\$504,290</u> |

In addition to the care and direction of the above mentioned important measures, the Land Committee have sold during the past ten years, (say from January, 1843, to January, 1853,) 2,017,450 feet of land, the receipts for which amount to \$1,366,873.

The quantity of saleable Neck Lands, so called, is now 4,192,114 feet, besides 178,097 feet reserved for public purposes. A detailed account of all the public lands will be found under the head of City Property.

Since the organization of the Land Commissioners nothing has been done in relation to the South Bay Lands, owing to unsettled questions with the Contractor for filling up the same. These questions have been left to the decision of arbitrators, who have not yet reported on the subject.

On the 1st instant the City Council passed an order placing the whole matter of the Evans Contract under the management and control of the Land Commissioners. As they are fully aware of the importance of having this controversy settled, and the property made available as soon as possible, there is no doubt that it will receive their immediate attention.



SCHOOLS. The incidental expenses of carrying on our Schools this year, has been \$248,374 59, against \$251,324 05, last year. The Expenditures on School Houses has also been reduced, being only \$21,954 45, against \$78,476 15, last year. The total Expenditures for the Schools this year, has been \$273,251 75, being about one-sixth part of all the current expenses of the City. The Expenditures for the same purposes last year amounted to \$329,800.

The Expenditures on the WATER WORKS this year, exclusive of interest, has been \$76,000—of which \$73,045 76 were drawn for by the Water Board. The Balance was for salaries and incidental expenses paid by the City. Of this expenditure about \$43,000 is chargeable to the Construction Account, being for the Extension of the Works, and in settlement for Land and Water Rights. The whole Expenditures, including Interest, amounted to \$344,718 21, against an income of \$213,677 67, leaving a balance against the Works of \$131,040 54. The Estimated Expenditure for the present financial year, 1854-55, including extension, is \$361,000, against a revenue of \$221,000. The increase in the number of Water takers for the year has been 1,199; they now amount to 18,428. No change has been made in the Water Rates since last Report.

The Water Registrar estimates the annual saving to the City, by the use of the Cochituate Water in extinguishing fires, at \$51,705, and this too on the regular Expenditures of the Fire Department only, exclusive of the interest on the cost of the additional Land, Buildings and apparatus which would be required by the Department if the Cochituate Water had not been introduced.

There seems to be but little doubt that the revenue from the Water Rates; the saving in the annual appropriations by the City for the Fire Department, and the reduced amount of losses by fire now sustained by Individuals and by Insurance Companies, if fairly estimated, would be much more than an equivalent to the Annual Expenses of carrying on the Works, and the interest on the cost of the same.

The whole net cost of the Water Works up to the 30th April last, is \$5,528,530 90—a detailed account of which, with copious extracts from the last Annual Report of the Water Board to the City Council, will be found in the Appendix.

An account in detail of the City Debt and of the City Property; and other statements required by the Ordinance from this Department, will be found in their proper place;—all of which is respectfully submitted.

ELISHA COPELAND,  
*Auditor of Accounts.*

SYNOPSIS  
OF THE  
AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT,  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
1853-54.

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1 May, 1853, (*both included,*) 1854, April 30.

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The NET EXPENDITURES of the year are chargeable to the respective Appropriations in the following proportions.

*N. B. Each item is charged with its own Incidental Expenses, including its proportion of Salaries, and in like manner is credited with its proportion of all the income, viz:—*

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| ADVERTISING and NEWSPAPERS,                | 2,540 60  |
| ANNUITIES,       -       -       -       - | 393 92    |
| BRIDGES,         -       -       -       - | 11,477 21 |
| BELLS and CLOCKS,       -       -       -  | 1,550 25  |
| BURIAL GROUNDS,       -       -       -    | 2,420 40  |
| BOSTON HARBOR,       -       -       -     | 3,417 15  |
| COMMON, &c.,       -       -       -       | 30,560 80 |
| COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,       -       -         | 96,416 89 |

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | <u>\$148,777 22</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$148,777 22 |
| ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7,232 76     |
| ELECTION EXPENSES, - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1,050 76     |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT, including Fire Alarms, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 91,492 04    |
| FUEL and LIGHTS,<br>For City Hall, Faneuil Hall, and other Public Offices, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,744 63     |
| FURNITURE, for the same, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2,050 98     |
| FOURTH OF JULY, Celebration of, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6,723 32     |
| HOUSE OF CORRECTION, - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 16,755 31    |
| HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, DEER ISLAND, &C., - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 78,616 13    |
| HEALTH AND QUARANTINE DEPARTMENTS, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 93,571 05    |
| HEALY'S PICTURE OF DANIEL WEBSTER, REPLYING TO HAYNE.<br>Now in Faneuil Hall, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2,500 00     |
| INDEPENDENCE DAY—See <i>Fourth of July.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| INTEREST, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 42,266 14    |
| INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, viz:<br>Annual Visit of the City Government to the Quarantine Establishment, and to visit and inspect the Islands in the Harbor; Visits to other Cities; Entertainment of Strangers; Carriage hire; Steamboat and Railroad fares, and other Expenses of the City Government, and of its Standing and Special Committees; Cleaning of the City Hall; Street Urinals; Water rates for the City Hall and City Building; Rent and Fuel for |              |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$492,780 34 |

|                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                      | \$492,780 34     |
| City Crier's Receiving Room; Examining and Recording Deeds to the City; Flag Staff and Flags for the Common; and all other incidental Expenses not charged under some other head, - | 13,215 27        |
| LAW EXPENSES, FEES, DAMAGES recovered against the City, and Expenses of Solicitor's Office, - -                                                                                     | 5,311 74         |
| LIBRARY, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                    | 8,237 63         |
| LUNATIC HOSPITAL, - - -                                                                                                                                                             | 2,492 58         |
| LAMPS— <i>See Streets.</i>                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| MARKET, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                     | 4,076 84         |
| MILITIA—Bounty, Amunition, Rent of Armories, and Gas Lights, - -                                                                                                                    | 1,896 01         |
| MUSIC ON THE COMMON, - -                                                                                                                                                            | 1,100 20         |
| OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, and other Expenses of the Poor, - - -                                                                                                                        | 28,466 68        |
| OLD CLAIMS, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                 | 4,553 02         |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS, exclusive of School Houses and County Buildings, -                                                                                                                | 11,406 13        |
| POLICE,                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |
| Day Police, and Harbor Police, - - -                                                                                                                                                | 44,239 91        |
| Night Watch, - - -                                                                                                                                                                  | 89,331 02        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | <hr/> 133,570 93 |
| PRINTING AND STATIONERY, -                                                                                                                                                          | 9,578 40         |
| PAVING— <i>See Streets.</i>                                                                                                                                                         |                  |
| PUBLIC LIBRARY— <i>See Library.</i>                                                                                                                                                 |                  |
| SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES, -                                                                                                                                                        | 270,329 04       |
| SEWERS AND DRAINS, including Internal Health and Public Lands, -                                                                                                                    | 13,422 83        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | <hr/>            |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                      | \$1,000,437 64   |

|                                |            |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i> |            | \$1,000,437 64   |
| SALARIES AND CLERK HIRE, not   |            |                  |
| charged elsewhere, - - - -     |            | 39,539 95        |
| STREETS, viz:                  |            |                  |
| PAVING, REPAIRING,             |            |                  |
| AND GRADING, -                 | 182,890 29 |                  |
| WIDENING, - -                  | 68,750 92  |                  |
| LIGHTING, - -                  | 105,711 15 |                  |
|                                |            | <hr/> 357,352 36 |
| WATER WORKS, - - - -           |            | 131,040 54       |
| WATCH— <i>See Police.</i>      |            |                  |

|                              |  |                      |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| PAYMENTS on account of the } |  |                      |
| ORDINARY EXPENDITURES, }     |  | <hr/> \$1,528,370 49 |

The following Payments are of a different class, viz:

|                                 |            |                      |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| LIBRARY—Site for a              |            |                      |
| new Building, - -               | 72,371 77  |                      |
| PUBLIC LANDS AND                |            |                      |
| SOUTH BAY, - -                  | 33,508 84  |                      |
| STATE TAX, - -                  | 98,691 00  |                      |
| TEMPORARY WATER                 |            |                      |
| LOAN—Notes paid, -              | 463,715 00 |                      |
| WATER SCRIP,                    |            |                      |
| amount redeemed, -              | 77,000 00  |                      |
| WHARF LOT,                      |            |                      |
| at East Boston, - -             | 1,299 37   |                      |
|                                 |            | <hr/> 746,585 98     |
|                                 |            | <hr/> \$2,274,956 47 |
| PAYMENTS for ordinary purposes, |            | 1,528,370 49         |
| PAYMENTS for other purposes, -  |            | 746,585 98           |
|                                 |            | <hr/> \$2,274,956 47 |



The NET REVENUE of the year has been derived from the following sources:—*Each item has been charged with its proportion of Incidental Expenses, as in the account of payments, viz:*

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |           |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|----|
| TAXES,             | - | - | - | - | - | 1,546,159 | 96 |
| RENTS,             | - | - | - | - | - | 72,894    | 37 |
| FEES AND LICENSES, | - | - |   |   |   | 2,539     | 32 |
| HAY SCALES,        | - | - | - | - |   | 1,471     | 28 |

|                                           |   |                |
|-------------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Revenue from the <i>Ordinary</i> sources, | } |                |
| and applicable to payment of the          |   |                |
| current Expenditures of the City,         |   | \$1,623,064 93 |

The following items are of a different class, viz:

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| CITY DEBT—Balance of         |                  |
| Loans negotiated, and        |                  |
| payments made, -             | - 517,134 66     |
| BONDS & MORTGAGES,           |                  |
| including first payments     |                  |
| on Lands sold this year,     | 259,844 70       |
| SCHOOL FUND, -               | - 5,745 85       |
| LAND SALES, <i>except as</i> |                  |
| <i>above,</i> -              | - - 3,191 67     |
|                              | <hr/> 785,916 88 |

|                 |   |   |   |           |    |
|-----------------|---|---|---|-----------|----|
| TOTAL REVENUE,  | - | - | - | 2,408,981 | 81 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS, | - | - | - | 2,274,956 | 47 |

|                                         |   |               |
|-----------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Balance, <i>per Auditor's Accounts,</i> | } |               |
| <i>carried forward,</i>                 |   | \$ 134,025 34 |

*Amount brought forward,* \$ 134,025 34

*Add*—Drafts drawn by the Auditor, but  
not presented at the Treasury at the  
closing up of the year—which amounts  
still remain in the Treasury, viz:

|                     |       |          |            |
|---------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Bills and Accounts, | -     | 5,291 98 |            |
| City Debt,          | - - - | 6,700 00 |            |
| Water Scrip,        | - - - | 1,000 00 |            |
|                     |       | <hr/>    | 12,991 98  |
|                     |       |          | <hr/>      |
|                     |       |          | 147,017 32 |

*Deduct*—Amounts paid by the Treasurer,  
being for items drawn for and charged  
in the Auditor's last year's account,  
but which, not having been called for  
in that year, were paid this year, viz:

|                       |       |           |           |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| City Debt,            | - - - | 21,903 39 |           |
| Temporary Water Loan, |       | 15,000 00 |           |
| Water Scrip,          | - - - | 2,000 00  |           |
| Water Works,          | - - - | 70 24     |           |
|                       |       | <hr/>     | 38,973 63 |
|                       |       |           | <hr/>     |

Treasurer's Balance resulting from the  
business of 1853-54, - - - \$108,043 69  
Balance on hand at the commencement  
of the year, - - - 318,683 55

|                                                 |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Actual Cash Balance on hand 30th of }           | \$426,727 24 |
| April, 1854, <i>per Treasurer's account</i> , } |              |

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# APPROPRIATIONS.

1853--54.

Statement of the APPROPRIATIONS made by the City Council to meet the EXPENDITURES of the City of Boston, and the County of Suffolk, for the Financial Year which began with the first day of May, 1853, and ended with the last day of April, 1854. Also a statement of the Drafts made by the Auditor on the Treasurer against said appropriations.

N. B. *The original appropriations were subsequently varied, by transfers and additions made by authority of the City Council, so as to meet the excess of payments over the appropriations as here shown.*

| Object of the Appropriations.                 | Amount of Original Appropriations. | Expenditures per Auditor's Accounts. |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Annuities, - - - - -                          | \$ 550 00                          | \$ 393 92                            |
| Advertising, - - - - -                        | 2,500 00                           | 2,540 60                             |
| Bells and Clocks, - - - - -                   | 1,500 00                           | 1,305 72                             |
| Burial Grounds, - - - - -                     | 2,900 00                           | 2,552 10                             |
| Bridges, - - - - -                            | 6,000 00                           | 10,002 21                            |
| Boston Harbor, - - - - -                      | 2,000 00                           | 2,054 69                             |
| County of Suffolk, - - - - -                  | 100,000 00                         | 134,115 00                           |
| Common, - - - - -                             | 27,000 00                          | 32,818 80                            |
| City Debt, - - - - -                          | 59,000 00                          | 59,000 00                            |
| External Health, - - - - -                    | 3,500 00                           | 3,329 80                             |
| Engine Houses, - - - - -                      | 10,000 00                          | 11,945 10                            |
| Fire Department, - - - - -                    | 75,500 00                          | 78,395 81                            |
| Gas Fixtures, - - - - -                       | 10,000 00                          | 18,932 41                            |
| House of Correction, - - - - -                | 40,000 00                          | 39,913 39                            |
| Houses of Industry and Reformation, - - - - - | 85,000 00                          | 102,676 82                           |
| Internal Health Department, - - - - -         | 90,000 00                          | 106,363 95                           |
| Interest on the City Debt, - - - - -          | 105,000 00                         | 124,544 71                           |
| Incidental Expenses, - - - - -                | 35,000 00                          | 44,813 71                            |
| Lamps, - - - - -                              | 70,000 00                          | 87,603 81                            |
| Lunatic Hospital, - - - - -                   | 22,000 00                          | 21,876 32                            |
| Market House, - - - - -                       | 3,500 00                           | 3,200 40                             |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>               | \$750,950 00                       | \$888,379 27                         |

| Object of the Appropriations.                                             | Amount of Original Appropriations. | Expenditures per Auditor's Accounts. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                           | \$750,950 00                       | \$888,379 27                         |
| Militia Bounty, - - - -                                                   | 6,000 00                           | 11,528 50                            |
| Overseers of the Poor, - - - -                                            | 30,000 00                          | 30,000 00                            |
| Old Claims, - - - -                                                       | 5,000 00                           | 4,553 02                             |
| Paving, Grading, and Repairs of Streets, -                                | 180,000 00                         | 195,268 23                           |
| Police, - - - -                                                           | 40,000 00                          | 50,044 91                            |
| Public Buildings, - - - -                                                 | 6,000 00                           | 7,868 12                             |
| Printing and Stationery, - - - -                                          | 7,000 00                           | 9,483 40                             |
| Public Library, - - - -                                                   | 7,000 00                           | 11,637 63                            |
| Reserved Fund, - - - -                                                    | 25,000 00                          | Transferred.                         |
| Schools, \$300,500, viz :                                                 |                                    |                                      |
| Instructors Grammar Schools, - -                                          | 127,700 00                         | 129,166 55                           |
| Instructors Primary Schools, - -                                          | 65,000 00                          | 63,537 50                            |
| Grammar Schools, Incidentals, - -                                         | 30,300 00                          | 37,326 71                            |
| Grammar School Houses, - - -                                              | 30,000 00                          | 1,804 00                             |
| Primary Schools, Incidentals, - -                                         | 25,000 00                          | 18,343 83                            |
| Primary School Houses, - - -                                              | 22,500 00                          | 22,121 66                            |
| Sewers and Drains, - - - -                                                | 25,000 00                          | 32,480 00                            |
| Salaries, - - - -                                                         | 70,000 00                          | 74,379 29                            |
| Unliquidated Claims for Widening Streets,                                 | 25,000 00                          | 15,592 36                            |
| Widening and Extending Streets, - -                                       | 75,000 00                          | 55,568 17                            |
| Watch Department, - - - -                                                 | 88,000 00                          | 89,347 01                            |
| Water Works, - - - -                                                      | 323,000 00                         | 344,718 21                           |
| Wharf at East Boston, - - - -                                             | 10,000 00                          | 1,299 37                             |
| Original Appropriations, - - -                                            | \$1,973,450 00                     | \$2,094,447 74                       |
| <i>Subsequent Additions.</i>                                              |                                    |                                      |
| State Tax, assessed, - - - -                                              | 98,691 00                          | 98,691 00                            |
| Library Lot, Loan, - - - -                                                | 73,000 00                          | 72,888 00                            |
| Ward Room and Engine House in New<br>Primary School House, Ward 9, Loans, | 11,913 00                          | 1,800 00                             |
| Loans to meet Deficiencies in Appropriations, - - - -                     | 98,000 00                          |                                      |
| Internal Health Department, Income, -                                     | 5,324 00                           |                                      |
| Library—Donations and Interest on Trust<br>Funds, - - - -                 | 4,660 66                           |                                      |
| Common—Income, - - - -                                                    | 1,600 00                           |                                      |
|                                                                           | \$2,266,638 66                     | \$2,267,826 74                       |
| Expenditures, - - - -                                                     |                                    | \$2,267,826 74                       |
| Appropriations, Loans, &c., - - -                                         |                                    | 2,266,638 66                         |
| Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations, Loans, &c.,                   |                                    | \$1,188 08                           |

# WAYS AND MEANS.

## 1853--54.

Statement of the Estimated WAYS AND MEANS of meeting the EXPENDITURES of the City of Boston, and the County of Suffolk, for the Financial Year 1853-54, with an account of the Actual Receipts during that year.

| Sources.                                   | Estimated Receipts.   | Actual Receipts.      |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Burial Grounds, - - - - -                  | 800 00                | 1,475 25              |
| Bridges, - - - - -                         | -                     | 25 00                 |
| County of Suffolk, - - - - -               | 40,000 00             | 47,398 11             |
| Common, - - - - -                          | 1,600 00              | 2,258 00              |
| Engine Houses, - - - - -                   | -                     | 770 73                |
| External Health, - - - - -                 | -                     | 383 00                |
| Fire Department, - - - - -                 | -                     | 278 14                |
| Fees, &c., - - - - -                       | 2,700 00              | 2,539 32              |
| Grammar Schools, - - - - -                 | -                     | 478 59                |
| Grammar School Houses, - - - - -           | -                     | 1,267 92              |
| House of Correction, - - - - -             | 19,500 00             | 23,558 08             |
| House of Industry, &c., - - - - -          | 18,300 00             | 24,260 69             |
| Hay Scales, - - - - -                      | 1,300 00              | 1,471 28              |
| Interest, - - - - -                        | 55,000 00             | 82,278 57             |
| Incidental Expenses, - - - - -             | -                     | 4,070 05              |
| Internal Health Department, - - - - -      | 16,324 00             | 18,989 70             |
| Lunatic Hospital, - - - - -                | 17,250 00             | 19,983 74             |
| Lamps, - - - - -                           | 800 00                | 825 07                |
| Library Lot, - - - - -                     | -                     | 516 23                |
| Militia Bounty, - - - - -                  | 6,000 00              | 11,514 00             |
| Market, - - - - -                          | -                     | 323 16                |
| Overseers of the Poor, - - - - -           | 1,800 00              | 2,425 44              |
| Paving Department, - - - - -               | 2,500 00              | 13,836 27             |
| Police Department, - - - - -               | 6,800 00              | 9,605 00              |
| Public Buildings, - - - - -                | -                     | 22 97                 |
| Primary Schools, - - - - -                 | -                     | 154 20                |
| Primary School Houses, - - - - -           | -                     | 70 50                 |
| Rents, - - - - -                           | 70,000 00             | 72,894 37             |
| Sewers and Drains, - - - - -               | 12,000 00             | 20,557 17             |
| School Fund, - - - - -                     | 5,000 00              | 5,745 85              |
| Taxes—1853, including State Tax, - - - - - | 1,466,391 00          | 1,511,129 01          |
| Previous years, - - - - -                  | 30,000 00             | 35,096 21             |
| Unclaimed Drafts, - - - - -                | 5,000 00              | 5,291 98              |
| Water Works, - - - - -                     | 200,000 00            | 213,677 67            |
| Watch, - - - - -                           | -                     | 15 99                 |
| Widening Streets, - - - - -                | -                     | 2,409 61              |
|                                            | <u>\$1,979,065 00</u> | <u>\$2,137,596 87</u> |

The Original Estimates were as follows:—

|                                                                                                 |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenue from Ordinary sources, - - - - -                                                        | \$ 505,750 00         |
| Loans, - - - - -                                                                                | 100,000 00            |
| Taxes, - - - - -                                                                                | 1,367,700 00          |
| Which was equal to the amount of original appropriations per }<br>Auditor's Estimate, - - - - - | 1,973,450 00          |
| Subsequently a State Tax was ordered, and an amount was<br>assessed to meet it, viz: - - - - -  | 98,691 00             |
| Total of estimated Receipts, including Taxes, - - - - -                                         | <u>\$2,072,141 00</u> |

The Actual Receipts were as follows:—

|                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| City Items, 626,467 86, instead of 512,674 00—Excess, - -                                                                                                       | 113,793 86          |
| Taxes, 1,511,129 01, instead of 1,466,391 00—Excess, - -                                                                                                        | 44 738 01           |
| Excess of Income over Estimates, - -                                                                                                                            | 158,531 87          |
| From this Excess of Income is to be deducted the Excess of<br>Expenditures over the Appropriations, &c., as per statement on<br>page 16, amounting to - - - - - | 1,188 08            |
| Leaving a net surplus of - - - - -                                                                                                                              | <u>\$157,343 79</u> |

The foregoing balance of \$157,343 79, resulting from the actual business of the year, belongs to the Sinking Fund, or COMMITTEE ON THE REDUCTION OF THE CITY DEBT, and is placed at their disposal by the ninth and tenth sections of the Ordinance on Finance, *R. O., page 122.*

This Ordinance requires that any excess of Income over the original estimated Income, or any excess of Appropriations, (*original or by additions*) over the actual payments, should be carried to the credit of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, and be applied towards the extinction of the Debt, and to no other purpose whatever.

No money can be drawn for by the Auditor, or be paid by the Treasurer, unless the same has been previously appropriated by a *Special Vote* of the City Council; hence the necessity of applying to the Council for additional means, if from any cause an original appropriation falls short. The additional means thus asked for can only be furnished by an authorized transfer from



some existing appropriation which can spare it, or by a *specific loan*.

Thus in the present year, the Original Appropriation for Paving, was \$180,000, and the estimated income for the same was only \$2,500. The actual expenditures having exceeded the original appropriation, an additional amount was asked for, and was granted by the City Council, although the *actual* income had exceeded the *estimated* income several thousand dollars, which was then in the Treasury. The excess of income in this case, or in any other similar case, could not, under the Ordinance, be applied by the Committee on Paving, to the additional wants of that Department, but it must remain in the Treasury to the credit of the Committee on the Debt, and be appropriated to the reduction of the same in the present or the next financial year. In this manner the City Council retain a *knowledge and control* of all the expenditures; as none can be made unless expressly authorized by them.

## T A X E S.

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The amount of Taxes assessed on the Real and Personal Estates in the City of Boston in past years have been as follows :

*N. B. For an account of Taxes assessed, abated, paid and lost in the last thirteen years, see Report No. 41, p. 150.*

*For amount of the annual Tax appropriated to the Public Schools, since 1841, see Appendix.*

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|                                        |                  |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Valuation of Real Estate, - -          | \$116,090,900 00 |
| Valuation of Personal Estate, - -      | 90,423,300 00    |
| <hr/>                                  |                  |
| Total Valuation, - - -                 | 206,514,200 00   |
| <hr/>                                  |                  |
| At \$7 60 per \$1,000, is - -          | 1,569,507 92     |
| No. of Polls 29,959 at \$1.50 each, is | 44,938 50        |
| <hr/>                                  |                  |
| Total Tax for 1853, - - -              | \$1,614,446 42   |

Increase over 1852,

Real Estate, \$5,391,700, being 4.870 per cent.  
 Personal Estate, 13,443,300, being 17.462

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18,835,000, being 10.003 per cent.

Polls, - - - 976, being 3.367

The valuation of 1843, was 110,046,000.

Increase in ten years, 96,468,200, being 87.661 per cent.

## 1852.

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Valuation of Real Estate, - -   | \$110,699,200 00 |
| Valuation of Personal Estate, - | 76,980,800 00    |

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Valuation, - - - | *\$187,680,000 00 |
|------------------------|-------------------|

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| At \$6.40 per \$1,000, is - -          | 1,201,152 00 |
| No. of Polls 28,983 at \$1.50 each, is | 43,474 50    |

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Total Tax for 1852, - - - | 1,244,626 50 |
|---------------------------|--------------|

|                                                   |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Decrease from 1851,                               |                        |
| Personal Estate, \$1,607,700, being 2.045 per ct. |                        |
| Real Estate increase over 1851,                   | 1,340,700, being 1.226 |

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Net Decrease from 1851, | 267,000, being 0.142 per ct. |
| * Polls, Increase,      | 538, being 1.89              |

\* Valuation of 1842—\$106,723,700.

Increase in ten years, \$80,956,000 00.

## 1851.

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Valuation of Real Estate, - -   | \$109,358,500 00 |
| Valuation of Personal Estate, - | 78,588,500 00    |

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Total Valuation, - - - | \$187,947,000 00 |
|------------------------|------------------|

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|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| At \$7.00 per \$1,000, is - -          | 1,315,629 00 |
| No. of Polls 28,445 at \$1.50 each, is | 42,667 50    |

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Tax for the year 1851, - | \$1,358,296 50 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|

|                                                 |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|--|
| Increase over 1850,                             |  |
| Real Estate, \$4,265,100, being 4.058 per cent. |  |
| Personal Estate, 3,681,400, being 4.914         |  |

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total,           | 7,946,500, being 4.414 per cent. |
| Polls, Increase, | 447,000, being 1.524             |

The Valuation of the whole property of the City of Boston in 1851, by the Valuation Committee of the State of Massachusetts, appointed in 1850, was \$213,310,067 00, being \$25,363,067 00 more than the City valuation of that year. This State valuation includes the property belonging to the City, which is never estimated in the City valuation.

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1850.

|                                 |   |                  |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Valuation of Real Estate, -     | - | \$105,093,400 00 |
| Valuation of Personal Estate, - | - | 74,907,100 00    |

|                    |   |   |   |                  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------------|
| Total Valuation, - | - | - | - | \$180,000,500 00 |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------------|

|                           |   |   |              |
|---------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| At \$6.80 per \$1,000, is | - | - | 1,224,003 40 |
|---------------------------|---|---|--------------|

|                                        |  |           |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| No. of Polls 28,018 at \$1.50 each, is |  | 42,027 00 |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----------|

|                              |   |                |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Total Tax for the year 1850, | - | \$1,266,030 40 |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|

Increase over 1849,

|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Real Estate, | \$2,265,900, being 2.203 per cent. |
|--------------|------------------------------------|

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Personal Estate, | 3,554,400, being 4.981 |
|------------------|------------------------|

|        |                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| Total, | 5,820,300, being 3.342 per cent. |
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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Polls, Decrease, | 345, being 12.200 per ct. loss. |
|------------------|---------------------------------|

1849.

|                               |   |   |               |    |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------|----|
| Valuation of Real Estate,     | - | - | \$102,827,500 | 00 |
| Valuation of Personal Estate, | - | - | 71,352,700    | 00 |

|                  |   |   |   |               |    |
|------------------|---|---|---|---------------|----|
| Total Valuation, | - | - | - | \$174,180,200 | 00 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---------------|----|

|                                        |   |   |           |    |
|----------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|----|
| At \$6.50 per \$1,000, is              | - | - | 1,132,171 | 30 |
| No. of Polls 28,363 at \$1.50 each, is |   |   | 42,544    | 50 |

|                              |   |  |             |    |
|------------------------------|---|--|-------------|----|
| Total Tax for the year 1849, | - |  | \$1,174,715 | 80 |
|------------------------------|---|--|-------------|----|

Increase over 1848,

|                 |            |                       |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Property, Real, | 2,424,300, | being 2.414 per cent. |
| Personal,       | 4,027,900, | being 5.982           |

|        |            |                       |
|--------|------------|-----------------------|
| Total, | 6,452,200, | being 3.846 per cent. |
| Polls, | 637,       | being 2.297           |

|          |                   |                                   |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| In 1848. | The Valuation was | 167,728,000—Tax \$6 50 per \$1000 |
| 1847.    | 162,360,400       | 6                                 |
| 1846.    | 148,839,600       | 6                                 |
| 1845.    | 135,948,700       | 5 70                              |
| 1844.    | 118,450,300       | 6                                 |
| 1843.    | 110,046,000       | 6 20                              |
| 1842.    | 106,723,700       | 5 70                              |

## CITY EXPENDITURES.

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STATEMENT of the Expenditures made on account of the City of Boston, during the financial year 1853-54.

*Commencing with the first day of May, 1853, and ending with the last day of April, 1854.*

N. B. *The Expenditures on account of the COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, which comprises the City of Boston and the Towns of Chelsea, North Chelsea and Winthrop, are in a separate account.*

### ANNUITIES.

Paid to sundry individuals the stipulated annuities granted to them on account of lands taken to widen streets,  
*Per item No. 1 of Treasurer's account,* 393 92

### AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS.

Amount paid to the Auditor of Accounts at sundry times, by direction of the Committee on Accounts, to enable him to pay in advance, such bills against the City, as circumstances require to be paid before the regular pay-day, which is the first day of every month,  
*Per item No. 46 of Treasurer's account,* 900 00

*This amount is refunded by the Auditor, and appears to his credit in item No. 95 of Treasurer's account.*

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*Amount carried forward,* \$1,293 92



*Amount brought forward,* \$1,293 92

## ADVERTISING.

Paid for eight daily Newspapers, and for advertising in the same at the rate of \$300 per annum, for one year ending 31st March, 1853, 2,400 00

For one paper in East Boston, and one in South Boston ; and for advertising in the same at \$52 per annum each, from 1st April, 1853, to 31st March, 1854, 104 00

Liquidation of an old advertising account, 36 60

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*Per item No. 2 of Treasurer's account,* 2,540 60

## BRIDGES

*Repairs &c. on the Free Bridges, viz :*

NORTH BRIDGE, from Broad Street to South Boston,

Sundry repairs, 4,475 21

Stone, and preparing the same for a

Buoy, 25 00

Watering the Bridge, 25 00

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4,525 21

SOUTH BRIDGE, from Dover street to South Boston,

Sundry repairs, 5,441 50

EAST BOSTON AND CHELSEA,

Sundry repairs, 25 50

CHELSEA CREEK,

Survey of the same relative to expediency of repairs, 10 00

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*Per item No. 6 of Treasurer's account,* 10,002 21

## BELLS AND CLOCKS.

For ringing eight bells, in different parts of the City, to denote the hours of the day, 640 00

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$640 00 \$13,836 73

|                                                                                                      |              |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                      | \$640 00     | \$13,836 73 |
| For winding up and regulating<br>fourteen Public Clocks,                                             | 431 25       |             |
| For ordinary repairs,                                                                                | 82 50        |             |
| Extra repairs on Bigelow School<br>House Clock,                                                      | 22 50        |             |
| Second payment on acc't of the<br>cost of the new illuminated Clock<br>on the Williams Market, 70 00 |              |             |
| Cost of lighting up said<br>Clock three quarters<br>and 16 days, at \$75<br>per annum,               | 59 47        |             |
|                                                                                                      | <hr/> 129 47 |             |

*Per item No. 3 of Treasurer's account,* 1,305 72

#### BOSTON HARBOR.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Wages of the Boatmen,                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 732 00    |
| Rent of Harbor Master's Office,                                                                                                                                                                                           | 150 00    |
| Carpet for do.,                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8 13      |
| Balance of cost of a partial sur-<br>vey of the Harbor, made un-<br>der the direction of the City<br>Engineer, by order of the Com-<br>mittee on External Health, of<br>1852-3, and preparing the<br>Report for the same, | *1,061 50 |
| Repairing and painting the boat,                                                                                                                                                                                          | 27 50     |
| Fuel for Harbor Master's Office,                                                                                                                                                                                          | 42 12     |
| Newspapers,                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 14 00     |
| Stationery,                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5 05      |
| Extra Boat hire, to replace the<br>Master's boat, while painting,                                                                                                                                                         | 5 00      |
| Supplies for Boat,                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 9 39      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <hr/>     |

2,054 69

|                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per<br/>item No. 5 of his account,</i> | 2,049 64 |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                   | 5 05     |

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2,054 69

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\* \$814 40 was paid for this purpose last year.

*Amount carried forward,* \$17,197 14

*Amount brought forward,*

\$17,197 14

## BURIAL GROUNDS.

*Expenditures for general improvements and  
embellishment of the Burial Grounds,  
and other incidental Expenses of this  
Department, viz :*

## COPPS HILL GROUNDS.

Cost of a new Wall, 468 86

Services of a special Po-  
lice Officer to over-  
see and improve these  
Grounds during the  
year, 442 50

Repairs—Trees,—labor  
and materials for im-  
proving the Grounds, 120 73

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1,032 09

SOUTH Ground, Washington  
street, 464 29

GRANARY Ground, Tremont street, 109 63

EAST BOSTON Grounds, 36 70

CENTRAL Ground, Boylston street, 121 17

CHAPEL Ground, Tremont street, 109 20

Repairing Tombs, digging Graves  
for the Poor—Trees, Seed,  
Shrubs, and general work  
about the Grounds, 135 27

## FUNERAL CARS, HARNESES, &amp;c.

Painting and Repairs on  
them, 94 78

Care and Cleaning,  
one year, 50 00

New Hearse Run-  
ners, two pair, 70 00

Stable for Storage of  
Funeral Cars, one  
year's rent, 175 00

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389 78

BLANK BOOKS and Stationery for  
the Superintendent's office,  
and for the office of City  
Registrar, 90 66

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$90 66    \$2,398 13    \$17,197 14

*Amounts brought forward,* \$90 66    \$2,398 13    \$17,197 14

|                    |       |        |
|--------------------|-------|--------|
| Printing,          | 55 06 |        |
| Postages and Omni- |       |        |
| bus fares,         | 8 25  |        |
|                    | <hr/> | 153 97 |

*Per item No. 4 of Treasurer's account,* 2,552 10

### COMMON, MALLS, PUBLIC SQUARES, &c.

*Care and improvement of the Common,  
and Malls, and the other Public  
Squares and Ornamental Grounds  
and Trees of the City, viz :*

#### COMMON.

|                                |          |           |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Salary of the General Super-   |          |           |
| intendent,                     | 1,000 00 |           |
| His Foreman,                   | 480 00   |           |
| Monthly payment to Laborers,   | 3,875 79 |           |
| Somerville Gravel,             | 2,353 50 |           |
| Oyster Shells for Paths, blind |          |           |
| Drains, &c.,                   | 432 40   |           |
| Loam and Sods,                 | 5,873 78 |           |
| Trees, Shrubs and Seeds,       | 118 07   |           |
| Painting the Iron fence, per   |          |           |
| contract,                      | 1,200 00 |           |
| Other painting,                | 121 46   |           |
| Carting, Ploughing and Har-    |          |           |
| rowing,                        | 344 00   |           |
| Carpenters' work and Lumber,   | 228 06   |           |
| Iron work and nails,           | 176 90   |           |
| Tools, Ladders, Lime, Brooms,  |          |           |
| &c.,                           | 167 53   |           |
| Pavers and other mechanics,    | 16 91    |           |
| Repairing Drains,              | 54 00    |           |
|                                | <hr/>    | 16,442 40 |

#### PUBLIC GARDEN.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Dirt for filling up, | 5,487 22 |
| Payments for La-     |          |
| bor,                 | 1,598 43 |
| Loam,                | 311 24   |

|                               |          |           |             |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Am'ts carried forward,</i> | 7,396 89 | 16,442 20 | \$19,749 24 |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|

*Amounts bro't forward,* 7,396 89 16,442 40 \$19,749 24

|                                                           |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Cost of Green House<br>and keeping the<br>same in repair, | 387 23 |          |
| Carpenters' work and<br>Stock,                            | 123 47 |          |
| Whitewashing and<br>Mason work,                           | 8 25   |          |
| Tools, Seed, &c.,                                         | 55 99  |          |
| Ploughing and Har-<br>rowing,                             | 37 50  |          |
| Survey of earth fill-<br>ing,                             | 96 09  |          |
| Trees,                                                    | 39 91  |          |
| Painting,                                                 | 10 65  |          |
| Allowance to the Su-<br>perintendent,                     | 437 50 |          |
|                                                           | <hr/>  | 8,593 48 |

TELEGRAPH HILL, SOUTH BOSTON.

|                                                      |          |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Labor and Team<br>work,                              | 2,884 50 |          |
| Paving Stones, and<br>labor for Paving Gut-<br>ters, | 780 82   |          |
| Gravel, and carting<br>the same,                     | 349 55   |          |
| Mason work and<br>Stock,                             | 139 44   |          |
| Iron work for Fence<br>and Drains,                   | 109 79   |          |
| Stone Curbs,                                         | 60 00    |          |
| Somerville Gravel,                                   | 72 00    |          |
| Trees,                                               | 156 00   |          |
| Loam,                                                | 50 00    |          |
| Carpenters' work and<br>Stock,                       | 52 00    |          |
| Seed,                                                | 11 88    |          |
| Tools, &c.,                                          | 30 75    |          |
| Painting,                                            | 6 50     |          |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 4,703 23 |

CENTRAL SQUARE, EAST BOSTON.

|       |        |  |
|-------|--------|--|
| Loam, | 457 17 |  |
|-------|--------|--|

*Amounts carried forward,* 457 17 29,739 11 \$19,749 24

*Amounts brought forward,* 457 17 29,739 11 \$19,749 24

|                    |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Trees and Fencing, | 193 12 |        |
| Gravel,            | 89 50  |        |
| Labor,             | 60 00  |        |
|                    | <hr/>  | 799 79 |

BELMONT SQUARE, EAST BOSTON.

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Labor of Men and   |          |          |
| Teams,             | 1,337 62 |          |
| Setting out Trees, | 61 06    |          |
|                    | <hr/>    | 1,399 68 |

BLACKSTONE SQUARE.

|                      |       |        |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Paving,              | 16 31 |        |
| Loam,                | 5 00  |        |
| Trees,               | 71 00 |        |
| Carpenters' work and |       |        |
| Stock,               | 8 00  |        |
| Iron Work,           | 17 00 |        |
|                      | <hr/> | 117 31 |

FRANKLIN SQUARE.

|               |       |       |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Paving,       | 30 37 |       |
| Carpentering, | 4 34  |       |
| Iron Work,    | 17 56 |       |
|               | <hr/> | 52 27 |

CITY HALL SQUARES.

|                   |        |        |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Carpenters' work, | 26 20  |        |
| Mending Fence,    | 1 65   |        |
| Stone Statues,    | 130 00 |        |
| Bulbs and Plants, | 144 50 |        |
| Loam, &c.,        | 2 50   |        |
|                   | <hr/>  | 304 85 |

FORT HILL,

|                               |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Care and repairs of Fence and |        |        |
| Streets,                      |        | 57 88  |
| Trees,                        | 110 12 |        |
| Carpenters' work,             | 51 43  |        |
| Paving round Trees,           | 169 86 |        |
| Loam, &c.,                    | 16 50  |        |
|                               | <hr/>  | 347 91 |

*Per item No. 7 of Treasurer's account,* 32,818 80

*Amount carried forward,* \$52,568 04



*Amount brought forward,* \$52,568 04

N. B. *The Labor on the Squares and on the Trees in the Streets, is performed by the men regularly employed by the Superintendent, and is included in the charge to the Common.*

## CITY DEBT.

The Committee on the reduction of the City Debt have been charged, by the Auditor with the whole amount of the City Debt which became due in this financial year, amounting to 265,983 34

Also with the payment of certain notes taken up which were not due, amounting to 161,000 00

Making the total of notes paid, or provided for, this year 426,983 34

Of this amount, viz : 426,983 34

There remained due and uncalled for at the Treasury, at the close of the year, 6,700 00

Leaving, 420,283 34

To which is to be added, payments in part, of the amount outstanding last year, as stated in Report No. 41, page 29, 21,903 39

Making the payments by the Treasurer, *per item No. 8 of his account,* 442,186 73

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## EXTERNAL HEALTH.

*Expenses of maintaining the Schooner QUARANTINE, which is kept for the purpose of Boarding Vessels and inspecting their cargoes and crews, as they arrive from foreign ports, with a view of preventing the introduction of contagious diseases and Paupers into the City.*

*Amount carried forward,* \$479,551 38

|                                                                                                           |          |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                            |          | \$479,551 38 |
| Wages to the Captain—including<br>manning and victualling one<br>month,                                   | 125 00   |              |
| Do for manning and<br>victualling, Fuel, Oil,<br>Soap, Brooms, Brush-<br>es, &c., 11 months,<br>at \$150, | 1,650 00 |              |
|                                                                                                           | <hr/>    | 1,775 00     |
| Furniture and repairing,                                                                                  | 78 50    |              |
| Pilotage,                                                                                                 | 27 00    |              |
| Dockage—3 years,                                                                                          | 58 50    |              |
| Supplies and Stores for the Boat,                                                                         | 317 87   |              |
| Repairs, including new Copper-<br>ing, &c. &c.,                                                           | 1,072 93 |              |
|                                                                                                           | <hr/>    | 3,329 80     |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per<br/>item No. 9 of his account,</i>                                       | 3,324 80 |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                                                         | 5 00     |              |
|                                                                                                           | <hr/>    | 3,329 80     |
|                                                                                                           | <hr/>    |              |

## ENGINE HOUSES.

WALL STREET. Cost of a new House on  
Wall street, viz :

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Land, 1365 feet,   | 2,730 00 |          |
| Contractor's work, | 2,384 00 |          |
| Other work,        | 416 37   |          |
| Plans, &c.,        | 40 00    |          |
|                    | <hr/>    | 5,570 37 |

WARD IX. For accommodations  
prepared in the new Warren St.  
Primary School House—we  
transfer from the cost of that  
house, as the proportion which  
this Engine House ought to  
contribute to said cost,

4,000 00

FRIEND STREET. Alteration of  
the Old Primary School House  
in Friend street to a Hook  
and Ladder House,

646 50

|                                 |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | <hr/>       | <hr/>        |
|                                 | \$10,216 87 | \$482,881 18 |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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|                                                                                                                    |             |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                    | \$10,216 87 | \$482,881 18 |
| HOSE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE, at<br>South Boston, on First street.                                                      |             |              |
| Cost of this house,                                                                                                | 268 55      |              |
| REPAIRS, painting, &c. on va-<br>rious houses,                                                                     | 1,113 33    |              |
| RENT of Engine House on Lev-<br>erett street, from 25th July,<br>1852, to 25th March, 1854, at<br>\$200 per annum, | 333 33      |              |
| WARMING apparatus,                                                                                                 | 13 02       |              |
|                                                                                                                    | <hr/>       | 11,945 10    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per<br/>items Nos. 10 and 11 of his<br/>account,</i>                                   | 11,903 60   |              |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor from Fire<br/>Department,</i>                                                               | 41 50       |              |
|                                                                                                                    | <hr/>       |              |
|                                                                                                                    | 11,945 10   |              |
|                                                                                                                    | <hr/>       |              |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*Exclusive of Engine and Hook and Ladder Houses, which are charged under their respective heads; and also exclusive of the Salaries of the Chief Engineer and the Clerk to the Board of Engineers, which are charged under the head of Salaries.*

|                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Annual compensation to the Assistant En-<br>gineers, Officers and Members of the va-<br>rious Engine, Hook and Ladder and<br>Hydrant Companies,                                          | 54,114 07   |              |
| Repairs of Engines, Hose Car-<br>riages, Hook and Ladder Car-<br>riages, and other apparatus<br>belonging to the Fire Depart-<br>ment, exclusive of Hose and<br>other work in that line, | 3,171 52    |              |
| New Leading and Suction Hose,<br>Caps, Badges, and Buckets,                                                                                                                              | 3,522 53    |              |
| Repairs on the Leading and<br>Suction Hose, and other work<br>in that branch,                                                                                                            | 1,170 99    |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <hr/>       |              |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                          | \$61,979 11 | \$494,826 28 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                          | \$61,979 11 | \$494,826 28 |
| Hire of Horses to draw Engines and Hooks and Ladders to and from fires, and to and from workshops for repairs, &c.,      | *1,791 56   |              |
| Constables, for attendance at fires,                                                                                     | 1,012 00    |              |
| Fuel for the Engine Houses,                                                                                              | 286 47      |              |
| Leather Preservative for Hose ; Soap and Sponge,                                                                         | 80 87       |              |
| Oil for the Engine Houses and Torches,                                                                                   | 433 67      |              |
| Ringin <sup>g</sup> Alarm Bell at East Boston,                                                                           | 25 00       |              |
| Water for the various Engine Houses,                                                                                     | 315 00      |              |
| Furniture and Utensils for Engine Houses, including apparatus for Warming,                                               | 92 36       |              |
| New Ladders and repairing old ones,                                                                                      | 56 13       |              |
| Expenses of collecting apparatus after fires, and other miscellaneous expenses of the Department, not charged elsewhere, | 158 72      |              |
| Printin <sup>g</sup> Engraved Diplomas and Certificates of Membership,                                                   | 31 94       |              |
| Stationery for Engineer's Office,                                                                                        | 22 13       |              |
| Care of Reservoirs at East Boston, and repairing the same,                                                               | 25 00       |              |
| Bells—replacing the Bell of the New North Church, broken in giving alarms,                                               | 478 50      |              |
| New Bell on Wall street Engine House,                                                                                    | 327 00      |              |
|                                                                                                                          | <hr/>       | 805 50       |
| Cost of Refreshments furnished Fire Companies from neigh-                                                                |             |              |

\* \$768 of this amount is credited to the Internal Health Department.

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|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$67,115 46 | \$494,826 28 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|

|                                                                                                                                                                                              |             |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                              | \$67,115 46 | \$494,826 28 |
| boring Cities, who came to our assistance at large fires,                                                                                                                                    | 33 10       |              |
| Fire Annihilator.                                                                                                                                                                            |             |              |
| Purchase of six sets of this apparatus,                                                                                                                                                      | 253 00      |              |
| Steam Fire Engine.                                                                                                                                                                           |             |              |
| Cost of visit of the Special Committee appointed to go to Cincinnati, Ohio, to examine the new Steam Fire Engine, with a view to its introduction into the Department, if thought advisable, | 1,192 18    |              |
| Keys to the various Engine Houses, for the use of Members,                                                                                                                                   | 18 00       |              |
| Lanterns—4½ doz. for the use of the Department,                                                                                                                                              | 67 50       |              |
| New Reservoir Covers,                                                                                                                                                                        | 60 00       |              |
| Storage of Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriages, which were displaced by the sale of their house on the old City Stable Lot,                                                                   | 258 33      |              |
| Marking location of Hydrant Boxes in the Streets,                                                                                                                                            | 8 85        |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              | <hr/>       |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              | 69,006 42   |              |

## TELEGRAPHIC FIRE ALARMS.

*The following payments have been made on this account, viz :*

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries,                            |          |
| Superintendent,                      | 1,200 00 |
| Assistants,                          | 3,510 00 |
| Machinery, Wire, &c.,                | 2,014 70 |
| Drugs and Chemicals,                 | 752 58   |
| Earthen Ware,                        | 464 80   |
| Water Meters,                        | 429 10   |
| Removing and putting up Fire Alarms, | 220 19   |

|                               |          |           |              |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| <i>Am'ts carried forward,</i> | 8,591 37 | 69,006 42 | \$494,826 28 |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|

*Am'ts brought forward,* 8,591 37 69,006 42 \$494,826 28

Moving Bells, and Re-  
pairs, 187 03

Signal Boxes, Keys,  
&c., 105 65

Carting; Omnibus tick-  
ets, Expresses, &c., 134 05

Carpentry, Lumber, &c. 83 39

Masonry, 20 00

Plumbing, 97 88

Painting, 30 65

Patterns, 18 49

Building Drain, 18 99

Maps, &c., 14 27

Washing, 20 50

Furniture, 43 70

Gas Fixtures, 15 97

Incidental Expenses, 7 45

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9,389 39

78,395 81

*Amount paid by Treasurer, per  
item No. 13 of his account,* 78,243 33

*Amount not yet called for,* 193 98

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78,437 31

Transfer by Auditor to Engine  
Houses,

41 50

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\$78,395 81

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*It is estimated by the Water Registrar and the  
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, that the  
saving to the Department in the year 1853 by  
having the use of the Cochituate Water, was at  
least \$51,700.*

#### GAS FIXTURES. (See Lamps.)

*For new Gas Fixtures, Lamps, &c., to ex-  
tend the use of Gas in lighting the City.*

New Lamps—462 at \$8.50, 3,927 00

New Lamp Posts, Bracketts, &c., 4,901 04

Setting the same, 2,327 60

*Amounts carried forward,*

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\$11,155 64

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\$573,222 09



|                                                    |             |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                    | \$11,155 64 | \$573,222 09 |
| New Service Pipes, Burners and<br>other apparatus, | 7,776 77    |              |

*Per item No. 14 of Treasurer's account,* 18,932 41

*There has been an increase of 462 Gas Lamps in the year 1853-54.*

*Of the Gas Lamps, 1,735 are in the City Proper, 156 are in East Boston, and 122 in South Boston.*

*The Oil Lamps have been reduced from 1,119 to 976.*

*The Cost of Lighting the City this year, independent of the above item, was \$87,603.81, as per account under the head of Lamps.*

#### GRAMMAR, HIGH, LATIN AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

*For General Expenses of all the Schools, see Schools.*

*For particular Expenses of the Primary Schools, see that head.*

*The contingent expenses of the Grammar, Latin, High and Normal Schools, exclusive of the Salaries of the Instructors, and large repairs or alterations on the School Houses, (which will be found under the heads of Instructors, and of Grammar School Houses) have been as follows, viz :*

|                                                                                                           |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Ordinary repairs of the School Houses and School Rooms, including the annual whitewashing, painting, &c., | 5,544 16 |
| Warming and ventilating apparatus,                                                                        | 1,729 42 |
| Plumbers' Bills for Water Works,                                                                          | 126 38   |
| Water rates, viz, 22 Schools at \$15,                                                                     | 330 00   |
| Fuel, preparing the same for use and housing it,                                                          | 7,660 32 |

|                                 |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$15,390 28 | \$592,154 50 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$15,390 28 | \$592,154 50 |
| Care and cleaning of the Houses,<br>making fires, shoveling snow,<br>&c.,                                                                                                                                                                               | 4,615 51    |              |
| Furniture and other apparatus,<br>viz: chairs, desks, tables, seats,<br>black-boards, crayons, clocks,<br>timepieces, &c., including new<br>furniture for new Schools and<br>repairs of old furniture,                                                  | 7,224 31    |              |
| Care of, cleaning and repairing<br>the Clocks one year, per agree-<br>ment,                                                                                                                                                                             | 100 00      |              |
| Salary of Superintendent of<br>Schools,                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2,500 00    |              |
| Salary of the Secretary of the<br>School Committee for one<br>year ending 1st of March,<br>1854,                                                                                                                                                        | 500 00      |              |
| Books furnished to indigent<br>Scholars— <i>besides \$50, paid<br/>annually from the Webb fund<br/>for writing books, pens, &amp;c.,<br/>for the Franklin School,</i>                                                                                   | 554 19      |              |
| Printing, including the Annual<br>Report of the Committee of<br>Examination,                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,865 05    |              |
| Expense of the Annual Visita-<br>tion of the Schools in July,<br>by the City Government and<br>School Committee, including<br>the cost of the usual Collation<br>given at Faneuil Hall to all the<br>Instructors, Medal Scholars<br>and invited Guests, | 610 97      |              |
| Boquets for the Scholars, on that<br>occasion,                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 80 00       |              |
| Payments towards the support<br>of three Adult and one Char-<br>ity School,                                                                                                                                                                             | 1,400 00    |              |
| MEDALS, DIPLOMAS, &c., viz :<br>Cost of 100 silver Frank-<br>lin Medals for boys,                                                                                                                                                                       |             |              |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$34,840 31 | \$592,154 50 |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$34,840 31  | \$592,154 50                   |
| including Ribbons and<br>marking the med-<br>als,                   229 62                                                                                                                                                    |              |                                |
| <i>Less,</i> paid out of<br>the Franklin<br>Medal Fund,   50 00                                                                                                                                                               |              |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/> 179 62 |                                |
| Cost of 100 silver City<br>Medals for girls, in-<br>cluding Ribbons and<br>marking,                   230 38                                                                                                                  |              |                                |
| Taking 570 impres-<br>sions from the en-<br>graved Steel Plate<br>Diplomas, which are<br>distributed among<br>the Pupils of the<br>second, third, and<br>fourth classes in the<br>Grammar<br>Schools,                   39 80 |              |                                |
| Filling up the<br>same with the<br>names of the<br>Recipients,   67 62                                                                                                                                                        |              |                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/> 107 42 |                                |
| Total for Medals and Diplomas,                                                                                                                                                                                                | 517 42       |                                |
| Ink for the Writing Schools,                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 200 00       |                                |
| Ascertaining the number of Chil-<br>dren in the City between 5<br>and 15 years, agreeably to the<br>requirements of the Statutes<br>of 1846 and 1849,                   250 00                                                |              |                                |
| Record Books and Stationery,<br>including a supply for Super-<br>intendent's Office,                   392 73                                                                                                                 |              |                                |
| Reference Books and Maps for<br>Latin School, <i>per special order</i><br><i>of School Committee,</i> 200 00                                                                                                                  |              |                                |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/> 200 00 | <hr/> 36,200 46   \$592,154 50 |

*Amounts brought forward,* 200 00 36,200 46 \$592,154 50

|                                                             |       |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Reference Books and<br>Maps for High and<br>Normal Schools, | 71 25 |        |
|                                                             | <hr/> | 271 25 |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Rent of Rooms hired<br>for the accommoda-<br>tion of a branch<br>School in East Bos-<br>ton, | 120 00 |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--|

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Rent of Rooms for<br>the accommodation<br>of the Scholars of<br>the Johnson School,<br>whose house has<br>been taken down, | 300 00 |        |
|                                                                                                                            | <hr/>  | 420 00 |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Hire of Music Hall, and other<br>expenses of a Concert given<br>to the Scholars, by Madam<br>Sontag, |  | 53 50 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|

|                                                                |        |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--|
| New Philosophical apparatus and<br>repairs of old ; Maps, &c., | 381 50 |  |
|                                                                | <hr/>  |  |

37,326 71

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| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per<br/>item No. 15 of his account;</i> | 37,324 58 |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                   | 2 13      |

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\$37,326 71

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*By the Report of the Superintendent of Schools, it appears that for the last twelve years, the average cost of Instruction for each Scholar in the High, Latin, and Grammar Schools, has been \$14 93 per annum ; and that for each Scholar in the Primary Schools it has been \$6 27 per annum. The whole average cost of Instruction is \$10 60 per annum for each Scholar in the Boston Public Schools.*

*For the amount of City Taxes annually appropriated to the Public Schools for the last twelve years, see Appendix.*

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$629,481 21

*Amount brought forward,* \$629,481 21

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSES.

*For such alterations, repairs and improvements on the Grammar School Houses as are not charged in the account of Grammar Schools, viz :*

CHAPMAN—New pointing and painting of the outside walls, on account of Leaks, 755 96

HAWES—New Floors to the whole upper Story of the building, new Steps for stairs, putting up Teachers' Desks, &c., 544 19

BIGELOW—Repairing the Stone Belting, Papering Stairways, &c. &c., 225 13

JOHNSON—Plans, Specifications, &c., for proposed new House on the same lot, 200 00

NORMAL—Unpaid Bill on account of last year's alteration of the old Adams School House, for the Normal School, 78 72

*Per item No. 16 of Treasurer's account,* 1,804 00

## HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Subsistence and supplies of the House, exclusive of clothing and bedding, fuel and furniture, 16,922 52

Clothing and Bedding, 2,287 59

Fuel, 1,464 93

Gas Light, 293 30

Salaries of the Master and his Assistants; Clerk of the Board of Overseers and of the Master, Chaplain, Matrons, Gate Keeper, Watchmen, and all other payments for Salaries and hired labor, 9,221 87

*Amounts carried forward,* \$30,190 21 \$631,285 21

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |              |
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| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$30,190 21 | \$631,285 21 |
| Repairs and alterations, including Furnaces, Ranges, and Stoves, and finishing the Chapel,                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2,327 21    |              |
| Plumbers' Bills,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 294 54      |              |
| Furniture and Household Utensils,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 456 40      |              |
| New Organ for Church,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 350 00      |              |
| Thirty Iron Bedsteads,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 142 50      |              |
| Hardware, Tools, &c., for houses and shops,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 323 60      |              |
| Gas Fixtures and Burners,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 770 89      |              |
| Whitewash Brushes and other Brushes,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 115 17      |              |
| Agricultural and Horticultural Departments, being for cost and keeping of Horses and other live stock; cost and repairs of Wagons, Carts and Harnesses; Agricultural tools and implements, Trees, Plants, Seeds, Hay, Manure, and all other expenses, excepting labor, of cultivating and improving the grounds, | 758 04      |              |
| Stock for Manufacturing, viz:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |              |
| Palm Leaf,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 148 72      |              |
| Leather and Shoe Stock,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 773 13      |              |
| Iron and Tin,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 246 76      |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <hr/>       | 1,168 61     |
| Expense of the Overseers in visiting similar Institutions in other Cities; entertaining the City Government, invited Guests and distinguished Visitors to the Institution,                                                                                                                                       | 649 79      |              |
| Carriage hire for Overseers,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 219 85      |              |
| do for Sunday School Teachers, who go from the City proper every Sabbath,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 66 00       |              |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$37,832 81 | \$631,285 21 |



|                                                                                    |             |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                    | \$37,832 81 | \$631,285 21 |
| Printing, Stationery, Blank Books, Postage and Newspapers,                         | 212 99      |              |
| Medical Department—for Drugs and other contingent expenses of this Department,     | 262 97      |              |
| Books, viz:                                                                        |             |              |
| For Library,                                                                       | 140 48      |              |
| Bibles and Prayer Books,                                                           | 80 86       |              |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       | 221 34       |
| Grants of money made by the Master of the House to the inmates on their discharge, | 112 24      |              |
| Police Services,                                                                   | 108 00      |              |
| New Boiler and Steam Pipes for heating the Workshop, Chapel and Laundry by steam,  | 1,163 04    |              |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       |              |
| <i>Per item No. 17 of Treasurer's account,</i>                                     |             | \$39,913 39  |

HOUSES OF INDUSTRY, REFORMATION,  
&c., at South Boston; and Alms House and  
Quarantine Establishment at Deer Island.

The Expenses of the SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH  
of this Establishment amounts, as per  
statement in the appendix, to 34,840 90

The Expenses of the DEER IS-  
LAND BRANCH amounts, as per  
statement in the appendix, to 63,031 33

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97,872 23

*Add,* Amount paid by Auditor  
and not charged in the Direc-  
tors' account, viz:

100 Tons Coal, paid for in April.  
The Directors' account closed  
with the 31st March, 692 50

Extra supply of mattresses in  
the case of ship Sagadahock  
having a large number of  
cholera cases on board, 732 52

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$99,297 25 \$671,198 60

*Amounts brought forward,* \$99,297 25 \$671,198 60

NEW ALMS HOUSE

The following Bills, against the New Alms House at Deer Island, amounting to \$3,379 57 for ventilating the House and fitting it for use, repairing the Drains and Vaults, and putting in order the Steam Engine and Steam Heating apparatus, were contracted for and paid for by the City; and do not enter into the account of the Directors, viz:

|                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Carpenters' work and Stock,                                 | 1,325 51 |
| Masons' work,                                               | 404 32   |
| Iron, Tin, Hardware and Labor, appertaining thereto,        | 500 18   |
| Brick, Stone, Cement, Lime, &c.,                            | 272 73   |
| Steam Pipes, &c.,                                           | 478 46   |
| Slaters' work,                                              | 94 26    |
| Travelling to and from the Island, and incidental expenses, | 128 38   |
| Paints and Oil,                                             | 35 73    |
| Watching and care of Building while unoccupied,             | 140 00   |

3,379 57

102,676 82

|                                                                 |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per item No. 18 of his account,</i> | 102,610 36 |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                               | 66 46      |

102,676 82

*The details of these Expenditures, and of the Income from the Establishment, as officially reported to the City Council, will be found in the Appendix, under the head of House of Industry.*

*Amount carried forward,*

\$773,875 42

*Amount brought forward,* \$773,875 42

THE RECEIPTS on account of these Establishments were as follows :

|                                                                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH,                                                                       | 5,421 45  |
| DEER ISLAND BRANCH,                                                                        | 2,199 52  |
| STATE PAUPERS—From the Commonwealth, for support of State Paupers in these Establishments, | 16,626 72 |
| From the Auditor,                                                                          | 13 00     |


*Amount received by Treasurer, per item No. 73 of his account,* 24,260 69

*The Expense of carrying on these Houses, including ordinary Repairs and care of the Buildings, as per Director's account, amounted to \$97,872 23; deduct \$2,418 45, extra items in their account, not considered as Current Expenses, leaves \$95,453 78.*

*The income was \$24,260 69—thus leaving the net Expense at \$71,193 09. The Income was about 26.46 per cent. of the Expenditures*

*The Income last year was about 36.27 per cent. of the Expenditures. That of the previous year, 22.54 per cent.*

*There is a fair claim on the State, of about \$5,000, for the support and nursing of Ship Fever patients in 1851-52 not yet allowed.*

 *See Appendix.*

#### INSTRUCTORS—GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

*For Incidental Expenses of these Schools, amounting to \$37,326 71. See Grammar Schools, page 40.*

*Salaries paid to the Masters, Ushers and Female Teachers in all the Public Schools except the Primary, viz :*

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Bowdoin, on Myrtle Street, | 5,950 00 |
| Boylston, on Fort Hill,    | 6,775 02 |
| Brimmer, on Common Street, | 5,675 00 |

*Amounts carried forward,* \$18,400 02 \$773,875 42

|                                                                 |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                 | \$18,400 02  | \$773,875 42 |
| Bigelow, on Fourth Street, South Boston,                        | 3,912 50     |              |
| Chapman, on Eutaw Street, East Boston,                          | *6,289 43    |              |
| Dwight, on Concord Street,                                      | 7,062 24     |              |
| Eliot, on North Bennett Street,                                 | 6,339 58     |              |
| Franklin, on Washington Street,                                 | 4,766 82     |              |
| High, on Bedford St.,                                           | 7,600 00     |              |
| Drawing Master,                                                 | 348 00       |              |
|                                                                 | <hr/>        |              |
|                                                                 | 7,948 00     |              |
| Hawes, on Broadway, South Boston,                               | 4,479 11     |              |
| Hancock, on Richmond Place,                                     | 6,282 33     |              |
| Johnson, on Tremont Street,                                     | 4,950 00     |              |
| Latin, on Bedford St.,                                          | 6,808 22     |              |
| Drawing Master,                                                 | 220 50       |              |
|                                                                 | <hr/>        |              |
|                                                                 | 7,028 72     |              |
| Lyman, at East Boston,                                          | 7,122 50     |              |
| Mayhew, on Hawkins Street,                                      | 5,975 00     |              |
| Mather, on Broadway, South Boston,                              | 6,645 20     |              |
| Normal, on Mason Street,                                        | 4,276 14     |              |
| Phillips, on Pinckney Street,                                   | 6,200 00     |              |
| Quincy, on Tyler Street,                                        | 7,433 05     |              |
| Smith, for Colored Children, on Belknap Street,                 | †1,425 00    |              |
| Wells, on Blossom Street,                                       | 5,705 91     |              |
| Winthrop, on East Street,                                       | 4,400 00     |              |
| Music Masters for all the Schools except the High and Latin,    | 2,525 00     |              |
|                                                                 | <hr/>        |              |
|                                                                 |              | 129,166 55   |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per item No. 19 of his account,</i> | 129,104 05   |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                               | 62 50        |              |
|                                                                 | <hr/>        |              |
|                                                                 | \$129,166 55 |              |
|                                                                 | <hr/>        |              |

\* Including one quarter's Salary Extra, which was paid by order of the School Committee to the Widow of the late master, J. F. Nourse, who died on the 17th of January last.

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$903,041 97 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|

*Amount brought forward,* \$903,041 97

† *One quarter's Salary of the Master of the Smith School, being \$375, was paid from the Smith Fund, and is in addition to the above charge.*

*The Incidental Expenses of this class of Schools for the year, including the ordinary repairs on the Houses, amounted to \$37,326 71, and is charged under the head of Grammar Schools, page 40.*

*The Salaries of the Masters and Assistants in these Schools for the year ending with the last day of February, 1854, were as follows :*

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Masters, <i>High, Latin and</i>      |                  |
| <i>Normal,</i>                       | \$2,400 per ann. |
| <i>Grammar,</i>                      | 1,500            |
| Sub-Masters, <i>High and Latin,</i>  | 1,500            |
| <i>Grammar,</i>                      | 1,000            |
| Ushers, <i>High and Latin,</i>       | 800 to 1,200     |
| <i>Grammar,</i>                      | 800              |
| Female Assistants,                   | 250 to 400       |
| <i>According to time of Service.</i> |                  |

*Since the first of March some of these rates have been increased, viz :*

Sub-Masters, *High and Latin* 1st year \$1,500, with an annual increase of \$100, until it reaches \$1,800.

*Grammar,* 1st year \$1,000, with an annual increase of \$100, until it reaches \$1,200.

Ushers, *High and Latin,* 1st year \$1,000, with an annual increase of \$100, until it reaches \$1,500.

*Grammar,* \$700, with an annual increase of \$100, until it reaches \$900.

Masters, *Grammar,* 1st year \$1,500, with an annual increase of \$100, until it reaches \$1,800.

Assistants, *Normal,* head assistant \$500.

*Other assistants* \$450.

*Grammar, head assistants* \$450.

*Other assistants* \$250, with an annual increase of \$50, until it reaches \$400.

Vocal Music—*For each School instructed* \$125 per annum.

*Amount carried forward,* \$903,041 97

*Amount brought forward,* \$903,041 97

### INSTRUCTORS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

*For Incidental Expenses of these Schools,  
(amounting to \$18,343 83.) See PRI-  
MARY SCHOOLS.*

*The Salary of the Primary School Teachers this  
year has been \$325 per annum, including an  
allowance of \$25 to each Teacher for making  
fires, cleaning rooms, &c.*

*Next year it is to be from 250 to \$400, according  
to their experience and qualification; the increase  
being at the rate of \$50 per annum.*

The amount paid this year for this service  
has been 63,537 50

*Amount paid by Treasurer per item No. 20  
of his account,* 63,456 25

*Amount not yet called for,* 81 25

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63,537 50

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### INTEREST.

Amount paid for Interest on the funded  
Debt, and on the usual Temporary Loans,  
obtained in anticipation of the annual  
Revenue of the City,

*Per item No. 47 of Treasurer's account,* 124,544 71

N. B. *This item does not include any charge for  
interest on the Water Debt.*

*There has been \$82,278 57 received to the credit of  
this account, per item No. 76 of Treasurer's ac-  
count.*

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

#### FOURTH OF JULY.

Celebration of the seventy-seventh Anniver-  
sary of American Independence, includ-  
ing cost of the Dinner at Faneuil Hall for  
the City Authorities, School Committees,  
Ward Officers and invited guests; Military  
Escort by the 5th Regiment of Artillery;

*Amount carried forward,* \$1,091,124 18



|                                                                                        |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                         | \$1,091,124 18 |
| cost of Fire Works and the expense of displaying the same,<br>Music, Advertising, &c., | 6,723 32       |

## COMMITTEES.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
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| Expenses of Committees, including the annual visit of the City Government and invited guests to the Quarantine Establishments at Rainsford Island, and at Deer Island; visiting other Islands in the Harbor; entertainment of the Officers of the Sardinian Frigate San Giovanni and Danish Officers and other strangers; visits of Special Committees to New York and other Cities for information in regard to various City business; annual visit of the City Council to inspect the line of the Water Works, &c., &c., | 6,233 46 |
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## LEGAL EXPENSES.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Officers' fees, Witness fees, Arbitrators' fees; Judgments, damages and awards against the City on various accounts, including cost and expenses in an important case now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, | 5,152 78 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

## MILITARY.

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Rent of Armories,          | 4,456 21       |
| Making out Military Rolls, | 200 00         |
|                            | <hr/> 4,656 21 |

## ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pay of Draftsmen, Chainmen, Rodsmen, &c., | 3,238 88           |
| <i>Am'ts carried forward,</i>             | 3,238 88           |
|                                           | <hr/> 22,765 77    |
|                                           | <hr/> 1,091,124 18 |

*Am'ts brought forward,* 3,238 88 22,765 77 1,091,124 18

|                        |        |          |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| Instruments, and re-   |        |          |
| pairs of same,         | 74 19  |          |
| Stationery, Maps and   |        |          |
| Newspapers,            | 107 96 |          |
| Travelling Expenses    |        |          |
| and Incidentals,       | 64 82  |          |
| Furniture, &c. for En- |        |          |
| gineer's Office,       | 46 91  |          |
|                        | <hr/>  | 3,532 76 |

#### HEALEY'S PICTURE OF WEBSTER.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| of Daniel Webster replying to<br>Mr. Hayne in the Senate of<br>the United States, now in<br>Faneuil Hall; towards the cost<br>of which the City contributed<br>this sum, and certain citizens<br>a like sum, with an under-<br>standing that the picture<br>should remain in Faneuil Hall, | 2,500 00 |
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#### CARRIAGE HIRE.

|                                                                                                          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Railroad and Steamboat fares,<br>for Committees and Officers of<br>the City Government, when<br>on duty, | 1,430 87 |
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#### MUSIC ON THE COMMON.

|                                                                                                                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Expenses attending the employ-<br>ment of a Band of Music on<br>the Common, 20 evenings dur-<br>ing the months of June, July<br>and August, | 1,100 20 |
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#### PAUPERS, &c.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Support of Paupers and others,<br>for which the City is liable,<br>in the State Lunatic Hospital<br>at Worcester, part of which is<br>usually refunded by friends or<br>relations of the parties, | 1,679 85 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

FURNITURE for the Public Offices,  
Faneuil Hall and City Building.  
Purchase of new and repairs

|                                 |           |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | <hr/>     | <hr/>        |
|                                 | 33,009 45 | 1,091,124 18 |

|                                                                                       |           |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                       | 33,009 45 | 1,091,124 18 |
| of old, including new Carpet<br>and other furniture for Mayor<br>and Aldermen's Room, | 2,095 98  |              |

## TRUANT CHILDREN.

Salary of the Senior Justice of  
the Police Court, for his ser-  
vices three quarters of the  
year in disposing of truant  
children, *as provided by the*  
*act of 1850, ch. 294,* 375 00

Salary of three officers  
employed to look af-  
ter Truant Children  
at \$800 per annum  
each, viz :

2—1 year at \$800, 1,600 00

1—3 quarters, at \$800, 600 00

3—1 month and 10  
days, 265 74

One man on Fort Hill, 56 00

Incidental Expenses, 25 97

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2,922 71

FUEL for Public Offices, purchased  
by Contract, 823 13

Paid the Inspector of  
fuel, for attending to  
the weight, measure  
and housing the an-  
nual supply for the  
Public Schools, the  
County and other  
Public Buildings, 156 00

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979 13

## GAS LIGHT.

For City Hall, 189 90

City Building, 374 36

Faneuil Hall, 109 63

Ward Rooms, 91 63

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765 52

## CLEANING, &amp;c.

Salary of the Porter to  
the City Hall one year, 700 00

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*Amounts carried forward,* 700 00 39,772 79 1,091,124 18

*Amounts brought forward,* 700 00 39,772 79 1,091,124 18

Extra cleaning of Win-  
dows and Stoves, 22 91

Salary of the Porter to  
the City Building,  
one year, 200 00

Extra Work, 45 04

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967 95

WATER RATES—For Faneuil Hall,  
City Hall, City Building and  
City Scales,

135 50

ELECTION EXPENSES, viz :

Constables for notifying and at-  
tendance on Ward meet-  
ings, 344 81

Hire of Ward Rooms  
for Wards 3 and 9, 165 00

Annual allowance to  
the Ward Officers of  
the 12 Wards for Re-  
freshments, &c., at  
\$15 each, 180 00

Ringin of Bells on  
Election days, 173 00

Voting List—examin-  
ing and checking the  
same, before each  
election, with a view  
to exclude all illegal  
votes, 112 50

Opening the Rooms,  
making fires, light-  
ing and cleaning,  
stationery, and inci-  
dental expenses, 59 45

Distributors of Enve-  
lopes, 16 00

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1,050 76

STREET URINALS.

Cost of constructing three of  
these conveniences, 474 92

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*Amounts carried forward,* 42,401 92 1,091,124 18

*Amounts brought forward,* 42,401 92 1,091,124 18

## CITY SOLICITOR.

Office expenses of this officer,  
who cannot be accommodated  
at City Hall, viz :

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Rents,                           | 369 58 |
| Office Boy,                      | 98 43  |
| Cleaning, and other<br>expenses, | 46 32  |

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514 33

## RECORDS, &amp;c.

Copying Indices of the old Rec-  
ord Book of Marriages and  
Intentions of Mar-  
riage,

60 75

Copying Indices of the  
Records of mortgages  
of Personal Property,

90 00

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150 75

## FANEUIL HALL.

Salary of Keeper, \$200 — is  
charged to Salaries.

Boy, as an assistant,

52 00

Fuel,

12 73

Cleaning,

16 25

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80 98

## OLD STATE HOUSE.

Salary of Keeper one year,

80 00

## CITY CRIER.

Paid him rent of Room &c., for  
receiving and taking care of  
lost children,

200 00

RECORDING DEEDS—to the City, at  
Register's office,

206 75

SALARY to the Secretary of the  
Committee on Claims,

175 00

## MAD DOGS.

Cost of disposing of a certain  
number of unlicensed Dogs,  
found at large in the streets,

210 00

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*Amounts carried forward,* 44,019 73 1,091,124 18

*Amounts brought forward,* 44,019 73 1,091,124 18

Books.

Ninety-five copies of Adams' Massachusetts State Register for 1854, for use of City Council, 95 00

POSTAGES, Telegraphic expenses and Expresses, 70 74

NOTICES.

Officers' fees for notifying individuals of their election to State and City Offices, and distributing other official notices, 56 44

CHARLESTOWN RIOT.

Balls and Cartridges for the use of part of the Militia who were ordered out on this occasion, 73 25

FLAG STAFF.

Care of Flag Staff on the Common; and of the National Flags, and displaying the same on all proper occasions, 69 07

TAXES REFUNDED, in conformity with the decision of Supreme Court, 65 24

ICE AND SAND for City Hall, 44 21

CLOTHING, furnished to emigrant Swedes, on their passage through the City to the West, 14 75

LOCKSMITH—For repairing Locks and Keys, 13 75

WEBSTER OBSEQUIES.

Additional Bills on this account, 13 00

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*Amounts carried forward,* 44,535 18 1,091,124 18



*Amounts brought forward,* 44,535 18 1,091,124 18

**BELLS AND CLOCKS.**

New Bell on the Union Chapel,  
East Boston, for the use of  
the Fire Department,

244 53

44,779 71

*Amount paid by Treasurer, per item No. 22  
of his account,* 44,556 96

*Amount not yet called for,* 326 75

44,883 71

*Amount transferred by Auditor,* 104 00

44,779 71

**INTERNAL HEALTH.**

*This item includes all the expenses of sweeping the Streets, collecting and depositing at the General Depot all the House Offal; also all work connected with the preservation of the Internal Health of the City.*

*The House Offal is contracted for by parties living out of the City. It is collected in the City Wagons and deposited at the Railroad Depot in the rear of the South Stables, on Harrison Avenue, and there taken on board of cars, and carried out of the City every morning, at the expense of the Contractors.*

Services of persons employed in Sweeping the Streets, removing Street Dirt, &c., exclusive of the carting done by other than City teams, 38,304 72

Services of persons employed in collecting the House Offal, Ashes, &c., 27,691 41

Services of three Blacksmiths, three Wheelwrights, one Harness maker, one Painter, one Foreman of the South yard, one Foreman of the North yard; two Stablers, and one Watch-

*Amounts carried forward,* 65,996 13 1,135,903 89

|                                                                                                                                                            |           |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                            | 65,996 13 | 1,135,903 89                 |
| man—all of whom are constantly employed on these premises,                                                                                                 | 6,339 43  |                              |
| Grain, Hay, Straw, &c. used in the City Stables,                                                                                                           | 12,070 00 |                              |
| Hire of extra teams to assist in cleaning the Streets, carting off Dirt, Snow and Ice,                                                                     | 2,860 25  |                              |
| New Horses and exchange of old ones,                                                                                                                       | 3,089 00  |                              |
| Stock used in Workshops for manufacturing, viz:                                                                                                            |           |                              |
| Iron and Steel,                                                                                                                                            | 780 08    |                              |
| Saddlery & Hardware,                                                                                                                                       | 756 16    |                              |
| Wood Stock,                                                                                                                                                | 850 02    |                              |
|                                                                                                                                                            | <hr/>     | 2,386 26                     |
| Shovels, Hoes, Brooms, Watering Pots, and other tools and utensils for the Workmen employed in the Department, also utensils and sundries for the Stables, | 1,949 55  |                              |
| Salary of an Assistant to the Superintendent, viz:                                                                                                         |           |                              |
| To the old Superintendent,                                                                                                                                 | 53 33     |                              |
| To the present Superintendent,                                                                                                                             | 600 00    |                              |
|                                                                                                                                                            | <hr/>     | 653 33                       |
| Salary of the Conductor of the vehicle employed in conveying the inmates of the South Boston Institutions to and from the City,                            | 464 00    |                              |
| <i>The House of Industry pays \$156 per annum, additional for this service.</i>                                                                            |           |                              |
| Cost of collecting Ashes and House Dirt at East Boston,                                                                                                    | 996 05    |                              |
| Cost of Shoeing part of the Horses kept in the North Stables, and which is necessarily done out of the establishment,                                      | 505 31    |                              |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                            | <hr/>     | <hr/> 97,309,31 1,135,903 89 |

|                                                                                                                                          |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                          | \$97,309 31  | 1,135,903 89 |
| Fuel for Shops and Offices,                                                                                                              | 266 60       |              |
| Water Rates for Stables, Offal<br>Station, and watering streets,                                                                         | 650 00       |              |
| Paints, Oil and Brushes,                                                                                                                 | 357 07       |              |
| Lard, Grease and Lamp Oil,                                                                                                               | 120 05       |              |
| Doctor's Bills for attending sick<br>and lame horses; and on a<br>man who fell into a cess-pool,                                         | 192 57       |              |
| Medicine for same,                                                                                                                       | 78 79        |              |
| Pasturing Horses in the country,                                                                                                         | 27 81        |              |
| Two new Vehicles for use of<br>the Superintendent and his<br>assistants,                                                                 | 210 00       |              |
| Exchange of an old Chaise for a<br>new one for the use of the<br>Superintendent of Streets,                                              | 91 00        |              |
| New Sleds, \$40—new Sleigh,<br>\$35,                                                                                                     | 75 00        |              |
| Repairs on Stables,                                                                                                                      | 380 55       |              |
| Gas Fixtures for South Stable,                                                                                                           | 124 99       |              |
| Gas, 6 months,                                                                                                                           | 52 27        |              |
| Chloride of Lime,                                                                                                                        | 42 94        |              |
| Washing for Stables, &c.,                                                                                                                | 38 45        |              |
| Extra Blacksmith work out of<br>shops,                                                                                                   | 39 88        |              |
| Stoves for Mechanics' shops,                                                                                                             | 26 22        |              |
| Stationery for Superintendent,                                                                                                           | 19 20        |              |
| Police Service,                                                                                                                          | 28 00        |              |
| Two Pigs for Stable,                                                                                                                     | 16 00        |              |
| Refunded, amount received for<br>two Sleds found in the street,<br>and not having been claimed<br>for a long time, were finally<br>sold, | 41 45        |              |
| Tolls to East Boston Ferry Com-<br>pany,                                                                                                 | 72 03        |              |
| New Sewers and Drains to abate<br>nuisances in various locations<br>in the City proper and in East<br>and South Boston,                  | *3,904 34    |              |
| Other expenses for abating nui-<br>sances                                                                                                | †149 30      |              |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                          | \$104,313 82 | 1,135,903 89 |

*Amounts brought forward,* 104,313 82 1,135,903 89

**BACK BAY DRAINAGE.**

Payments this year on account of laying a new Common Sewer from Tremont street, through Church street and the Public Garden, to the tide water at the Western Avenue, so as to drain all those Estates which border on Pleasant street, from Tremont to Beacon street, and which used formerly to drain into the empty Basin of the Water Power Company, \*2,050 13

*This work was begun last year, and the sum of \$16,352 62 was expended thereon in that year.*

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*Per item No. 21 of Treasurer's account,* 106,363 95

\* *These items properly belong to the appropriation for Sewers and Drains. They were charged to this appropriation by special order of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.*

† *The individual owners are liable for the expense of abating nuisances on their premises.*

*The Income of the Internal Health Department for the year has been \$18,987 70, per item No. 75 of Treasurer's account.*

**PUBLIC VACCINATION.**

*The number of persons vaccinated, free of expense, by the City Physician at his office, City Building, Court Square, during the year ending 30th of April, 1854, was 1950; last year, 1358.*

*The number of children examined and furnished with the Certificate of Vaccination required to entitle them to enter the Public Schools, was 1361; last year, 1156.*

*The number of Physicians, belonging to Boston, who had been gratuitously supplied with Virus, was 163; last year, 152.*

*The various City Institutions have been supplied at sundry times.*

*The City Physician is also required to attend to all cases of sickness at the Jail.*

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$1,242,267 84

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,242,267 84

LAMPS. (See Gas Fixtures.)

GAS FOR LAMPS, viz :

|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| For the City proper, | 44,716 84 |           |
| South Boston,        | 3,185 59  |           |
| East Boston,         | 2,165 26  |           |
|                      | <hr/>     | 50,067 69 |

*On the 30th April, 1854, there were  
1735 Gas Lamps in the City prop-  
er, 156 in East Boston, and 122 in  
South Boston.*

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| OIL for the same, including<br>amount delivered other De-<br>partments for which they are<br>charged at the cost, (see In-<br>come account,) | 15,440 03 |
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| LAMP-LIGHTERS, for lighting and<br>cleaning the Lamps, on an av-<br>erage of about $26\frac{1}{3}$ nights per<br>month, | 12,721 36 |
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|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| LAMPS &c. New Lamps, Cans<br>and Torches, | 820 83 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| GAS APPARATUS. Purchase of<br>new and repairs of old, | 1,672 56 |
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| LAMP IRONS. New Lamp Irons,<br>Brackets and Frames, | 1,971 54 |
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| LAMP POSTS. New Posts and<br>setting the same, and re-setting<br>old ones, | 642 25 |
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|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| REPAIRS of old Lamps, Cans, and<br>Torches, | 2,748 48 |
| Lamp Irons, Brack-<br>ets and Frames,       | 331 39   |
|                                             | <hr/>    |

3,079 87

SALARY of the Superintendent of  
this Department, viz :

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 9 mos. at \$600 per ann. | 450 00 |
| 3 mos. at \$900 per ann. | 225 00 |
|                          | <hr/>  |

675 00

OIL CELLAR. Rent and Taxes  
on a Cellar which is kept for  
the reception and delivery of

|                                 |       |       |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | <hr/> | <hr/> | \$87,091 13 | 1,242,267 84 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|

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| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                 | \$87,091 13 | 1,242,267 84 |
| the Oil, to the Lamp-lighters<br>and to the City Institu-<br>tions,                                                                                             | 215 33      |              |
| Salary one year of the<br>keeper of the same,<br>for receiving and ex-<br>amining the Oil, and<br>drawing and deliv-<br>ering it to the Lamp-<br>lighters, &c., | 180 00      |              |
| New Parbuckles,                                                                                                                                                 | 3 50        |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | <hr/>       | 398 83       |
| WICKING for the Lamps,                                                                                                                                          | 56 47       |              |
| LADDERS. New, and repairing<br>old ones,                                                                                                                        | 51 38       |              |
| CARRIAGE HIRE for the Depart-<br>ment,                                                                                                                          | 6 00        |              |

*Per item No. 23 of Treasurer's account,* 87,603 81

*In addition to this amount, \$18,932 41 has been expended for new Lamps, and for new Fixtures to extend the use of Gas. See details on page 37.*

\* N. B. *There has been received to the credit of this department \$825 07, being for Oil supplied from the Oil Cellar to other Departments of the City Government during the year, and charged to them at the cost and charges, per item No. 77 of Treasurer's account.*

*The whole cost to the City for lighting the Streets the past year, is thus shown to be \$106,536 22.*

*The City is lighted with 2,013 Gas, and 976 Oil Lamps. They were lighted during the year on an average of  $26\frac{1}{3}$  nights per month. The cost for Gas is 1 cent per hour each Lamp, and for Oil 1 Gill to each Lamp.*

*There are 12 Oil Lamp-Lighters, who receive \$1.56 per 100 Lamps, per night, which includes the trimming, cleaning and lighting.*

*There is one Gas Lighter employed by the City to light and extinguish the Gas Lamps in East Boston, and two in South Boston. They receive \$1.19 per 100 Lamps per night, which includes the cleaning, lighting and extinguishing.*

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| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | <hr/> | \$1,329,871 65 |
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*Amount brought forward,* \$1,329,871 65

*The Gas Lamps in the City proper are cleaned, lighted and extinguished by the Boston Gas Light Company, who are allowed \$1.43 per night, for every 100 Lamps.*

## LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

|                                                                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Subsistence and supplies of the House, exclusive of Clothing, Bedding, Furniture and Fuel, | 10,122 64 |
| Clothing and Bedding,                                                                      | 1,539 20  |
| Fuel,                                                                                      | 2,106 01  |

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| Salaries of the Supervisors, Chaplain, Attendants and Assistants; and all other payments for Salaries and for hired labor, except the Resident Physician's Salary, (\$1200) which is charged under the head of City Salaries, | 4,451 18 |
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| Furniture and Household Utensils—cost of new and repairs of old, | 924 67 |
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| Repairs and alterations of the Building, including Warming and Cooking apparatus, | 698 47 |
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| Agricultural and Horticultural Departments, including the cost of keeping of a Horse and Wagon; cost of Trees, Plants, Seeds, Garden Tools and implements; and all other expenses, except labor, of improving and cultivating the Grounds, | 817 90 |
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| Medical Department, Drugs and contingent expenses, | 127 41 |
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| Printing, Books, Stationery, Postage, Blank Books, &c., | 102 42 |
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| Transportation of Supplies, | 45 88 |
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| Advance to Superintendent, to enable him to meet small bills |  |
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*Amounts carried forward,* \$20,935,78 1,329,871 65

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| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$20,935 78        | 1,329,871 65 |
| and purchases, in anticipation<br>of the regular monthly pay-<br>day,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 100 00             |              |
| Expense of the Board of Visitors<br>and of the Superintendent, to<br>other Hospitals and institu-<br>tions, with reference to adopt-<br>ing any suggestions or im-<br>provements that might be<br>found valuable; entertainment<br>of the City Government and<br>others at the Institution; and<br>other similar expenses, | 670 90             |              |
| Carriage hire and travelling ex-<br>penses,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 151 89             |              |
| Burial Expenses of one of the<br>inmates,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 17 75              |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    | 21,876 32    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per<br/>item No. 24 of his account,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 21,713 42          |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 162 90             |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <u>\$21,876 32</u> |              |

*The Salary of the Superintendent of this House, who has also the medical charge of the other Houses at South Boston, is \$1200, and is charged in the City account of Salaries.*

*N. B. There has been received to the credit of this Establishment, during the year, including the amount collected from the Commonwealth, for the support of State Paupers, the sum of \$19,983 74 per item No. 78 of the Treasurer's account, thus reducing the net cost to \$1,892 58.*

Number of Inmates 30th April last, 264—viz :  
108 males and 156 females. The average num-  
ber during the year ending with the 30th April,  
1854, was 261.

## LIBRARY.

### Salaries.

Librarian, 1 year, 1,000 00

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| <i>Am'ts carried forward,</i> | \$1,000 00 | \$1,351,747 97 |
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| <i>Am'ts brought forward, \$1,000 00</i>       |        | <i>\$1,351,747 97</i> |
| Assistant Librarian,                           |        |                       |
| 6 months,                                      | 250 00 |                       |
| Male and Female as-                            |        |                       |
| sistants,                                      | 443 13 |                       |
|                                                | <hr/>  | 1,693 13              |
| Books purchased,                               |        | 6,665 90              |
| Binding,                                       |        | 392 25                |
| Printing,                                      |        | 1,079 86              |
| Stationery,                                    |        | 204 84                |
| Furniture,                                     |        | 598 01                |
| Work on Rooms,                                 |        | 368 57                |
| Gas Fixtures,                                  |        | 138 00                |
| Engraving Plates and Plate                     |        |                       |
| printing,                                      |        | 92 50                 |
| Electrotyping Plates,                          |        | 70 78                 |
| Carting, Expresses, Freight, &c.,              |        | 59 76                 |
| Insurance,                                     |        | 80 00                 |
| Watchmen,                                      |        | 28 00                 |
| Gas,                                           |        | 17 83                 |
| Postage,                                       |        | 32 17                 |
| New Seal,                                      |        | 15 00                 |
| Porter, making fires, cleaning,                |        |                       |
| &c.,                                           |        | 71 03                 |
| Water,                                         |        | 5 00                  |
| Advance to the Librarian, to meet              |        |                       |
| small payments in advance,                     |        | 25 00                 |
|                                                | <hr/>  |                       |
| <i>Per item No. 34 of Treasurer's account,</i> |        | <i>11,637 63</i>      |

## LIBRARY LOT.

*Purchase of two Estates on Boylston Street,  
on which to locate a Building for the  
Public Library :*

|                                                                       |           |
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| The Benjamin Wheeler Estate,<br>containing about 9,590 feet,          | 50,000 00 |
| The Lot adjoining the same on<br>the East, containing 3,790½<br>feet, | 22,843 00 |
| Surveyor's fees,                                                      | 15 00     |
| Water Bills, for Tenants in the<br>Houses now on the Estates,         | 30 00     |

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| <i>Per item No. 25 of Treasurer's account,</i> | <i>72,888 00</i>      |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                 | <i>\$1,436,273 60</i> |

Amount brought forward, \$1,436,273 60

# MARKET HOUSE.

*For the Incidental Expenses of the Market House, exclusive of Repairs on the same, which are charged to Public Buildings.*

|                                                                                                                                            |        |
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| Salary of the regular Police Officer,                                                                                                      | 800 00 |
| Salary of the Keeper of Public Scales,                                                                                                     | 500 00 |
| Salary of Sweeper and Porter,                                                                                                              | 365 00 |
| Salary and pay of the Watchmen,                                                                                                            | 154 75 |
| Fuel,                                                                                                                                      | 643 93 |
| Gas Lights,                                                                                                                                | 416 89 |
| Gas Fixtures,                                                                                                                              | 20 78  |
| Removing Snow and Ice, cleaning Paint, and Incidental Expenses of the Establishment paid by the Clerk of the Market, including Stationery, | 22 58  |
| Expenses of a visit of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to the Brighton Cattle Market,                                                      | 70 75  |
| Repairing Hollow Plug and Water Closets,                                                                                                   | 41 76  |
| Warming apparatus and repairs,                                                                                                             | 39 21  |
| Newspapers for the Clerk, two years,                                                                                                       | 20 00  |
| Repairing Scales and Weights,                                                                                                              | 3 75   |
| Sweeping, Sunday Mornings,                                                                                                                 | 31 00  |
| Cochituate Water Rates,                                                                                                                    | 70 00  |

*Per item No. 26 of Treasurer's account,* 3,200 40

*The Income from Rent of the Market House for this financial year has been \$47,171 18, and for the Hall over the Market, \$2,500—making the Rent from the whole building \$49,671 18.*

*This Market House, which is the only one with which the City has any connection, was commenced, with the important improvements connected with it, in the year 1824 and finished in the year 1826. The first Income derived from it was in the financial year 1826-27.*

Amount carried forward, \$1,439,474 00

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,439,474 00

*The House covers 27,012 feet of ground, and the Streets contiguous, which were built at the same time, occupy 166,935 feet. The original cost to the City, of the Market House and that portion of the land occupied by it, was estimated at \$180,000 only.*

## MILITIA BOUNTY.

Paid to the members of the City Volunteer Militia, the Bounty allowed by the State, being six dollars to each individual, in conformity with an act of the Legislature, of March, 1840,

*Per item No. 48 of Treasurer's account,* 11,528 50

N. B. *This is a nominal expense to the City, as the State furnishes every year, the amount which the City is required to advance for this purpose.*

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid to the Treasurer of this Board, for the special relief and benefit of those poor persons in the different Wards of the City, who, without being paupers, are proper objects of such assistance,

*Per item No. 28 of Treasurer's account,* 30,000 00

*There has been received to the credit of this account including the amount received from the State, the sum of \$2,425 44, per item No. 80 of Treasurer's account, thus reducing the expense to \$27,574 56.*

N. B. *A detailed account of the Expenditures by this Board is published by them, annually, in three of the City newspapers, in the month of January. Their last account, being to 31st December, 1853, will be found in the Appendix.*

## OLD CLAIMS.

Amount of Bills and accounts against the City, which had been audited and allowed in former years, but which had not before been presented to the Treasury for payment.

*Per item No. 27 of Treasurer's account,* 4,553 02

*Amount carried forward,* \$1,485,555 52

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,485,555 52

PAVING, GRADING AND REPAIRS OF  
STREETS.

|                                                                                                                                  |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cost of Paving Stones and Stone<br>Blocks, Flag Stones, Gravel,<br>Earth, &c., used in Paving,<br>Grading and Repairing Streets, | 71,744 18 |
| Cost of Edge Stones for Side-<br>walks,                                                                                          | 5,381 33  |
| Cost of Bricks used for Drains,<br>Cess-pools and Sidewalks,                                                                     | 8,331 57  |
| Cost of Sand, Lime and Cement<br>used for same,                                                                                  | 1,264 89  |
| Cost of Lumber and Carpenters'<br>work for same                                                                                  | 1,906 31  |
| Other work on Sidewalks,                                                                                                         | 98 29     |

*When new Sidewalks are laid by the  
City, the abutters are bound to re-  
fund the cost thereof to the City;  
and said cost is a lien on the Estates.*

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| Master Pavers and other Master<br>Workmen,                                                      | 26,380 78 |
| Cost of Paving 501 square yards<br>in Court street, with Patent<br>Iron Blocks,                 | 5,318 15  |
| Wages of one Blacksmith and<br>one Stone Cutter, who are<br>constantly employed in the<br>yard, | 916 15    |
| Other Laborers employed by<br>Superintendent to work on<br>Streets,                             | 27,657 43 |

N. B. \$4,202 46 of this amount  
was paid for removing Ice and  
Snow. \$2,860 25 was paid for  
the same purpose by the Internal  
Health Department.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Hire of extra Carts and carting<br>materials,                 | 5,979 47 |
| Internal Health Department's<br>Bills against this Department |          |

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$154,978 55 1,485,555 52



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| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                         | \$154,978 55 | 1,485,555 52                    |
| for hire of Horses, Carts and Drivers, as the whole expense of constructing and supporting the City teams is charged to the Internal Health Department, | 4,724 00     |                                 |
| For the use of Watering Cart, Teams and men furnished by said Department, and employed in watering Tremont Road from July to Oct.—                      |              |                                 |
| 4 months,                                                                                                                                               | 600 00       |                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <hr/>        | 5,324 00                        |
| Wharfage on Paving Stones and Gravel,                                                                                                                   | 1,700 45     |                                 |
| Watering Sundry Streets,                                                                                                                                | 488 00       |                                 |
| Salary of Clerk and Assistant, viz:                                                                                                                     |              |                                 |
| Of former Superintendent,                                                                                                                               | 113 33       |                                 |
| Of present Superintendent,                                                                                                                              | 193 00       |                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <hr/>        | 306 33                          |
| Damages paid on account of altering Street Grades, &c., viz:                                                                                            |              |                                 |
| Church Street,                                                                                                                                          | 21,207 90    |                                 |
| Old Harbor Street, and old Road in South Boston,                                                                                                        | 1,650 00     |                                 |
| Indiana Street,                                                                                                                                         | 3,000 00     |                                 |
| Other Grades,                                                                                                                                           | 2,850 53     |                                 |
| Other Damages,                                                                                                                                          | 667 02       |                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <hr/>        | 29,375 45                       |
| Payment on account of a contract for a Sea Wall laid in 1852, to protect Border Street, East Boston,                                                    | 280 80       |                                 |
| \$1,222 50 was paid on this account last year.                                                                                                          |              |                                 |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                         | <hr/>        | <hr/> \$192,453 58 1,485,555 52 |

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| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                  | \$192,453 58 | 1,485,555 52 |
| Half cost of a Sea Wall on First Street, South Boston,                                           | 793 14       |              |
| Renumbering Streets, and new Street Signs,                                                       | 827 47       |              |
| Cost of a Tool house, Work-shop and Shed for Stone Cutters and Laborers, near the South stables, | 636 38       |              |
| Tolls to East Boston Ferry Company,                                                              | 253 28       |              |
| Fencing, at South Boston and East Boston,                                                        | 17 03        |              |
| 38 feet of Iron Fence, for Indiana Street,                                                       | 104 50       |              |
| Other Iron work,                                                                                 | 7 73         |              |
|                                                                                                  | <hr/>        | 129 26       |
| Shovels, &c.,                                                                                    | 85 56        |              |
| Repairing Picks, Crow-bars and other Blacksmith work,                                            | 67 93        |              |
| Stationery for Superintendent's Office,                                                          | 21 63        |              |
|                                                                                                  | <hr/>        | 195,268 23   |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per item No. 29 of his account,</i>                                 | 192,347 89   |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                                                | 2,972 34     |              |
|                                                                                                  | <hr/>        | 195,320 23   |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor to Public Buildings,</i>                                                  | 52 00        |              |
|                                                                                                  | <hr/>        | \$195,268 23 |
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## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

*For general expenses of all the Schools, see Schools and School Houses.*

*See Instructors Primary Schools, for Salaries of their Teachers.*

*The contingent expenses of the Primary School Department, exclusive of the Salaries of Instructors, (\$63,537 50) have been as follows, viz :*

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| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$1,680,823 75 |
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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                     |             | \$1,680,823 75 |
| Repairs and alterations of the School Houses, and of hired School Rooms, including the annual White-washing, Painting, &c.,                                                                                        | 4,809 47    |                |
| Fuel; preparing the same for use and housing it,                                                                                                                                                                   | 4,488 90    |                |
| Rent of hired School Rooms,                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2,968 31    |                |
| Furniture, viz:                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |                |
| Chairs, Tables, Black-boards, Timepieces, Bells, Thermometers and other Furniture and apparatus for carrying on the Schools,                                                                                       | 1,668 35    |                |
| Warming and Ventilating apparatus,                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1,339 57    |                |
| Water Works—Plumbers' Bills,                                                                                                                                                                                       | 514 60      |                |
| Water Rates, viz: 186 Schools, at \$5, and three at \$10,                                                                                                                                                          | 960 00      |                |
| Books for Indigent Children,                                                                                                                                                                                       | 407 64      |                |
| Annual allowance to the Chairman of the Primary School Committee of two dollars each to 196 Schools; which sum is invested by the Committee in rewards of merit, and other modes of encouragement to the Scholars, | 392 00      |                |
| Printing by City Printer,                                                                                                                                                                                          | 388 38      |                |
| Salary of the Secretary of the Primary School Board and of the Executive Committee of the same, viz:                                                                                                               |             |                |
| 6 months, at \$140 per annum,                                                                                                                                                                                      | 70 00       |                |
| 6 months, at \$300 per annum,                                                                                                                                                                                      | 150 00      |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <hr/>       | 220 00         |
| Annual cleaning and repairing of all the Timepieces, per agreement,                                                                                                                                                | 100 00      |                |
| Distributing notifications of meet-                                                                                                                                                                                |             |                |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$18,257 22 | 1,680,823 75   |

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| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                     | \$18,257 22 | 1,680,823 75 |
| ings of the Board, and notices<br>to Teachers, &c.,                 | 51 50       |              |
| Stationery and School Charts,                                       | 19 11       |              |
| Paid for looking up and pro-<br>viding for Truants,                 | 16 00       |              |
|                                                                     | <hr/>       | 18,343 83    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per<br/>item No. 36 of his account,</i> | 18,163 34   |              |
| <i>Add amount not yet called for,</i>                               | 150 00      |              |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor from Pri-<br/>mary School Houses,</i>        | 30 49       |              |
|                                                                     | <hr/>       |              |
|                                                                     | \$18,343 83 |              |
|                                                                     | <hr/>       |              |

## PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSES.

*Cost of new Primary School Houses, erect-  
ed during the year, with the land for the  
same; also the cost of enlarging and im-  
proving other Primary School Houses.*

## SOUTHAC STREET.

Additional payments to the Contractors, per  
order of City Council, for the Mason work  
of this house, which was built in  
1851-52, 185 00

## WARREN STREET, WARD IX.

Cost of 3,036 feet of  
Land, 5,313 00

A small gore  
of land, ad-  
ditional,  
about  $11\frac{1}{2}$   
feet. 25 00

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5,338 00

Paid to Contractors, 12,669 90

Two Furnaces, 775 00

Water Pipes, 37 00

Gas Pipes for Ward  
Room, 23 50

Plans and Specifica-  
tions, 150 00

|                               |           |        |              |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| <i>Am'ts carried forward,</i> | 18,993 40 | 185 00 | 1,699,167 58 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|

*Amounts bro't forward,* 18,993 40      185 00 1,699,167 58

Gravel,                      35 17

Drains,                      315 59

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19,344 16

*Deduct*—proportion of  
this cost, which is  
charged as follows,  
viz:

Engine House,  
Ward 9, 4,000 00

Ward Room,  
Ward 9, 1,800 00

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5,800 00

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13,544 16

TYLER STREET.

Purchase of 3,900 feet of Land  
on this street for a new Pri-  
mary School House,                      5,850 00

BOYLSTON STREET.

Cost of erecting a brick Wall be-  
tween the yard of this estate,  
in Bumstead Court, and Dex-  
ter's Stable,                      180 00

GENESEE STREET.

Cost of 2,700 feet of Land on  
Oswego Street, in the rear of,  
and additional to, the yard of  
this House, which was built  
in the year 1848,                      2,362 50

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22,121 66

*Amount paid by Treasurer per  
item No. 33 of his account,*      22,309 65

*Deduct amount received to cred-  
it of this account, per item  
No. 84 of Treasurer's account,*      337 50

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21,972 15

*Add amount not yet called for,*      180 00

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22,152 15

*Transfer by Auditor to P. Schools,*      30 49

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22,121 66

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*Amount carried forward,*                      \$1,721,289 24

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,721,289 24

**PUBLIC LANDS.**

*Expenditures for improvement of the Public Lands, including the filling up of the South Bay, and Grading various new Streets and Squares,*

Filling and Grading Camden Street, from Shawmut Avenue to Baldwin's Mills, 2,555 64

Filling and Grading Chester St., south-east from Harrison Avenue, 888 46

Filling Northampton St., north-east from Chickering's Building, 187 75

Widening Tremont Street, in front of Chickering's Building, 318 86

Widening Concord Street, from Shawmut Avenue to Tremont Street, 195 52

CHESTER SQUARE. Furnishing, setting and watering Trees, trimming Borders, preparing and keeping clean the Walks, and other labor, 187 00

WORCESTER SQUARE—Filling up, 43 05

Land south-east of Shawmut Avenue, near Union Park—filling up, 18 84

**SEWERAGE.**

Cost of constructing Common Sewer in Tremont Street, near Chickering's Building, 797 50

do. in Northampton Street, near Chickering's Building, 301 35

Repairing Sewer in Waltham Street, 7 87

1,106 72

TAXES, on Gravel Farm at Dedham, 31 02

EVANS CONTRACT. Paid on account of filling up South Bay, 23,949 68

*Amounts carried forward,* \$29,482 54 1,721,289 24



|                                                                                                              |                   |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                              | \$29,482 54       | 1,721,289 24 |
| Arbitrators, Counsel and Surveyor's fees in relation to said Contract,                                       | 1,405 00          |              |
| Engineering Services since the termination of this Contract,                                                 | 331 16            |              |
| Removing Draw of Evans's Bridge, across the South Bay,                                                       | 152 00            |              |
| LAND COMMISSIONERS. Clerk hire 9 months for this Board,                                                      | 450 00            |              |
| Clerk hire in Superintendent's Office,                                                                       | 150 00            |              |
| Arsenal Lot on Pleasant Street. Auction expenses, including Plans, Catalogues, &c., for sale of this Estate, | 124 01            |              |
| Cemetery in South Boston, paid sundry expenses relating to said Ground,                                      | 160 00            |              |
| Cost of a Fence on the dividing line between a Citizen of Dorchester and this ground,                        | 20 00             |              |
| Carriage hire for the Land Commissioners,                                                                    | 21 00             |              |
| Stationery for Superintendent's Office,                                                                      | 8 07              |              |
| do. for Land Commissioners,                                                                                  | 39 06             |              |
|                                                                                                              | <hr/> 47 13       |              |
|                                                                                                              |                   | 32,342 84    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per item</i>                                                                     |                   |              |
| <i>No. 35 of Treasurer's account,</i>                                                                        | 32,308 84         |              |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor from Incidentals,</i>                                                                 | 34 00             |              |
|                                                                                                              | <hr/> \$32,342 84 |              |

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

*Expended for alterations and repairs on the Public Buildings, so called, which includes all the Buildings belonging to the*

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | <hr/> 1,753,632 08 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|

Amount brought forward, 1,753,632 08

*City, except the School Houses, and the  
County Buildings*

CITY HALL. *For altering Mayor and Aldermen's Room, Ventilating Common Council Chamber, re-arranging Reporters' Desks in the same, New and enlarged Windows in the City Treasurer's Office, &c.,*

|                                                                     |        |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Carpenters' work,                                                   | 978 81 |          |
| Painting, Glazing, and Signs,                                       | 610 54 |          |
| Mason work,                                                         | 460 81 |          |
| Carving Consoles and Window Caps for the Mayor and Aldermen's Room, | 415 10 |          |
| Gas Fixtures,                                                       | 131 30 |          |
| Plumbers' work,                                                     | 129 17 |          |
| Ventilating,                                                        | 101 32 |          |
| Warming apparatus,                                                  | 164 63 |          |
| Iron and other work,                                                | 100 73 |          |
|                                                                     |        | 3,092 41 |

OLD STATE HOUSE.

*Remodeling the Lower Store on Washington Street, putting in Water Works, Gas Fixtures and other improvements in the Building.*

|                          |        |          |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| Carpenters' work,        | 410 65 |          |
| Mason work,              | 437 30 |          |
| Painting, &c.,           | 321 15 |          |
| Plumbers' work,          | 107 67 |          |
| Warming and Ventilating, | 26 55  |          |
| Paper hangings,          | 146 88 |          |
| Gas Fixtures,            | 132 25 |          |
|                          |        | 1,582 45 |

CITY BUILDING.

*Sundry Expenditures, viz :*

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Carpentry,  | 80 29 |
| Mason work, | 20 82 |

|                          |        |          |              |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Amounts carried forward, | 101 11 | 4,674 86 | 1,753,632 08 |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|

|                                    |        |          |              |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>    | 101 11 | 4,674 86 | 1,753,632 08 |
| Painting,                          | 21 87  |          |              |
| Warming apparatus<br>and papering, | 29 97  |          |              |
| Plumbing,                          | 43 46  |          |              |
|                                    | <hr/>  | 196 41   |              |

## MARKET HOUSE.

*Sundry Expenditures, viz :*

|                   |        |        |  |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--|
| Carpenters' work, | 159 31 |        |  |
| Mason work,       | 375 62 |        |  |
| Painting &c.,     | 18 42  |        |  |
| Caulking Floors,  | 15 60  |        |  |
| Gas Fixtures,     | 9 46   |        |  |
| Slating,          | 21 75  |        |  |
|                   | <hr/>  | 600 16 |  |

## FANEUIL HALL.

*Sundry Expenditures, viz :*

|                   |       |        |  |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--|
| Carpenters' work, | 25 98 |        |  |
| Mason work,       | 40 63 |        |  |
| Gas Fixtures,     | 42 88 |        |  |
|                   | <hr/> | 109 49 |  |

## WATCH HOUSES.

*Sundry Expenditures, viz :*

|                                          |       |        |  |
|------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--|
| East, or Centre, in Wil-<br>liams Court, | 29 66 |        |  |
| North, in Hanover St.,                   | 30 63 |        |  |
| West, in Leverett St.,                   | 59 25 |        |  |
| East Boston, Paris St.,                  | 70 31 |        |  |
| South Boston, Broad-<br>way,             | 42 68 |        |  |
|                                          | <hr/> | 232 53 |  |

## WARD ROOMS.

|                              |       |        |  |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|--|
| Carpenter and Mason<br>Work, | 82 52 |        |  |
| Gas Fixtures,                | 61 62 |        |  |
| Warming apparatus,           | 22 34 |        |  |
|                              | <hr/> | 166 48 |  |

## HAY SCALES.

Additional allowance  
to original Contract-  
ors for extra Stone

|                                 |            |              |       |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | <hr/>      | <hr/>        | <hr/> |
|                                 | \$5,979 93 | 1,753,632 08 |       |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                   | \$5,979 93 | 1,753,632 08       |
| work, as per award<br>of Mr. Luther Munn,                                                                                                                                         | 307 00     |                    |
| Painting,                                                                                                                                                                         | 5 50       |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   | <hr/>      | 312 50             |
| <b>ARMORIES, viz :</b>                                                                                                                                                            |            |                    |
| Gas Fixtures for four<br>new Armories, in the<br>old Endicott School<br>House,                                                                                                    | 263 00     |                    |
| Painting the same,                                                                                                                                                                | 72 76      |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   | <hr/>      | 335 76             |
| <b>JAIL WHARF.</b>                                                                                                                                                                |            |                    |
| Rebuilding Counting<br>Room and Shed on<br>this Wharf which<br>were destroyed by<br>fire,                                                                                         | 291 11     |                    |
| Ballast—80 Tons,                                                                                                                                                                  | 52 00      |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   | <hr/>      | 343 11             |
| <b>CITY STABLES.</b>                                                                                                                                                              |            |                    |
| New Chimney &c., at<br>South Stables,                                                                                                                                             | 114 31     |                    |
| Carpenters' work on<br>North Stables,                                                                                                                                             | 7 25       |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   | <hr/>      | 121 56             |
| <b>LIBRARY ROOM, Mason Street.</b>                                                                                                                                                |            |                    |
| Carpenters' work,                                                                                                                                                                 |            | 33 04              |
| <b>PLANS, MEASUREMENTS, DESIGNS AND<br/>ESTIMATES, for proposed altera-<br/>tions in Faneuil Hall, and of<br/>the Mayor and Aldermen's<br/>Room; and for a new City<br/>Hall,</b> |            |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   |            | 387 50             |
| <b>POUND, at East Boston.</b>                                                                                                                                                     |            |                    |
| Ground Rent 1 year,                                                                                                                                                               |            | 18 00              |
| <b>CHAISE HIRE, for Superintendent,</b>                                                                                                                                           |            |                    |
| <b>STATIONERY, for Superintendent's<br/>Office,</b>                                                                                                                               |            | 221 00             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   |            | 64 19              |
| <b>SUNDRY BUILDINGS.</b>                                                                                                                                                          |            |                    |
| Small repairs on other buildings,                                                                                                                                                 | 51 53      |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                   | <hr/>      | 7,868 12           |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                    |            | <hr/> 1,761,500 20 |

|                                          |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>           | 1,761,500 20      |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per item</i> |                   |
| <i>No. 31 of his account,</i>            | 7,816 12          |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor from Fire</i>     |                   |
| <i>Department,</i>                       | 52 00             |
|                                          | <hr/>             |
|                                          | <u>\$7,868 12</u> |

PUBLIC LIBRARY. *See Library.*

# POLICE.

Services of the regular Day Police officers, including those who are employed on Sundays; but not the Harbor Police,

37,835 14

Services of the Police officers who are stationed at the Theatres, and at other licensed places of public amusement, Steamboats, &c.,

4,643 55

*These services are charged to the parties benefited; the amounts are collected weekly by the Chief of Police, and are paid by him into the City Treasury.*

Extra Services of Day Police officers, being for services rendered to the Department after their regular hours,

1,086 57

Horse and Chaise for Chief of Police,

156 75

Carriage hire, travelling and other expenses of officers who went to various places in pursuit of Rogues and Stolen Property,

37 27

Medical attendance, by order of Police officers, on persons arrested, and on others needing such assistance,

158 00

|                                 |       |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | <hr/> | \$43,917 28 | 1,761,500 20 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|

*Amounts brought forward,* \$43,917 28 1,761,500 20

Badges and Incidental Expenses  
for the Day and Night Police  
officers, 152 00

Stationery, &c., for the two  
Offices, 91 28

Removing Nuisances, 26 97

Cash Disbursements for the im-  
mediate relief of Sufferers, in  
various ways; for carrying per-  
sons to the Lock-ups, and  
other cash Disbursements by  
the Officers, 173 83

Postages and Telegraphic dis-  
patches, 53 83

Expense of distributing public  
documents, and Posting pub-  
lic notices, 26 75

Care and Cleaning the Police  
Office and Lock-ups, 87 50

Carting Ropes and Chains used  
for restraining crowds, and for  
shutting up Streets on public  
occasions, 9 50

Compensation to Officers for  
Clothing destroyed while in  
the discharge of their duty, 32 00

#### HARBOR POLICE.

Services of from 8 to 12 men  
8 months, 4,566 25

Armament of the  
men, 205 97

Fitting up the Of-  
fice, 120 91

Purchase of Boat  
Nahant, 130 00

Boat hire before the  
purchase, 65 00

Furniture for Office,  
including warm-  
ing apparatus, 53 18

Fuel and Light, 58 91

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*Am'ts carried forward,* 5,200 22 44,570 94 1,761,500 20



|                                     |           |             |              |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Am'ts brought forward,</i>       | 5,200 22  | 44,570 94   | 1,761,500 20 |
| Cleaning Office,                    | 31 00     |             |              |
| Repairing Sloop Col.                |           |             |              |
| Warren,                             | 237 00    |             |              |
| Lanterns,                           | 5 75      |             |              |
|                                     | <hr/>     | 5,473 97    |              |
|                                     |           | <hr/>       | 50,044 91    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per</i> |           |             |              |
| <i>item No. 30 of his account,</i>  | 49,969 91 |             |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>   | 75 00     |             |              |
|                                     | <hr/>     |             |              |
|                                     |           | \$50,044 91 |              |
|                                     |           | <hr/>       |              |

*There has been received to the credit of this account, \$9,605 00, per item No. 82 of Treasurer's account.*

*The Police force now (30th April, 1854) consists of 49 Day Police, including a Superintendent of Coaches, Cabs, &c., and a Superintendent of Trucks, Wagons, &c.*

*The average time of service of all the Police Officers is 12 hours.*

*The new System (the Consolidated System) goes into operation on the 25th May, 1854.*

*The Police Office is open every day, including Sundays, at from 8 o'clock, A. M., to 7 to 9 in the evening, and some one is always there ready to attend to complaints.*

*The services of the Extra Police employed on the 4th of July, and other like occasions, are charged to Incidental Expenses.*

*N. B. All the fees due to the Regular Day Police Officers as witnesses, in all cases brought before the Courts, are deducted from their regular monthly pay; a return of the same being made by the Officers of the Courts to the City Treasurer; so that no Police Officer can derive any pecuniary benefit from complaints made by himself, or others, for violation of any of the Laws of the State, or Ordinances of the City. No Policeman, who is in the regular employ of the City, is permitted to receive any compensation, gratuity, or reward from any person for services rendered, unless by a special vote of the Mayor and Aldermen.*

*Amount carried forward,*

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1,811,545 11

*Amount brought forward,* 1,811,545 11

**PRINTING, STATIONERY, &c.**

*Additional items for Printing will be found charged under the following heads, viz: County of Suffolk, Schools, and Primary Schools.*

|                                                                                                                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Printing City Documents and Blanks of various kinds, Notifications, Tax Bills, &c., including cost of Paper,                           | 5,733 17 |
| Blank Books and Binding,                                                                                                               | 1,126 56 |
| Directories, Revised Statutes, State Registers, Maps, Boston Almanacs, and other Books required by the Government and in the Office's, | 313 75   |
| Stationery for Public Offices, and for the members of the City Council,                                                                | 700 58   |
| Engraving and Lithography, including a new Plate and printing Certificates of City Stock with Coupons attached,                        | 1,609 34 |

*Per item No. 32 of Treasurer's account,* 9,483 40

**SALARIES.**

*Paid the Salaries of the following City and County Officers, viz :*

**MAYOR.**

Benjamin Seaver,  
Nine months, at  
\$4,000 per ann., 3,000 00

Benjamin L. Allen,  
Chairman of Board  
of Aldermen from  
2d to 15th Jan-  
uary, 153 42

J. V. C. Smith,  
From 16th January  
to 1st April, 842 00

3,995 42

*Amounts carried forward,* \$3,995 42 1,821,028 51

*Amounts brought forward,* \$3,995 42 1,821,028 51

## TREASURER.

|                                                                                                  |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| F. U. Tracy,                                                                                     | 3,000 00       |
| Clerk hire for Office,                                                                           | 4,900 00       |
| Clerk for Paving and<br>Internal Health<br>Pay Rolls, 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ mos.<br>at \$800 per ann., | 442 00         |
| Extra, in Tax Sea-<br>son,                                                                       | 500 00         |
|                                                                                                  | <hr/> 8,842 00 |

*Deduct,*

|                                                           |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Salary of the Water<br>clerk, transferred<br>to W. Works, | 1,100 00 |          |
|                                                           | <hr/>    | 7,742 00 |

## CITY CLERK,

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| S. F. McCleary, Jr., | 2,000 00       |
| Assistant Clerks,    | 2,500 00       |
|                      | <hr/> 4,500 00 |

## CITY SOLICITOR,

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| P. W. Chandler,    |                |
| Three quarters,    |                |
| at \$2,600,        | 1,950 00       |
| One quarter extra, | 650 00         |
| Clerk hire,        | 136 11         |
| G. S. Hillard,     |                |
| From 5th Dec.,     | 835 20         |
| Clerk hire,        | 63 89          |
|                    | <hr/> 3,635 20 |

## AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS,

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Elisha Copeland, | 2,500 00       |
| Clerk hire,      | 900 00         |
|                  | <hr/> 3,400 00 |

## CLERK COMMON COUNCIL,

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| W. P. Gregg, | 1,200 00 |
|--------------|----------|

## ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT,

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| George E. Head, | 1,400 00 |
| Samuel Norwood, | 1,400 00 |
| Henry Sargent,  | 1,400 00 |
| George Jackson, | 1,400 00 |

*Am'ts carried forward,* \$5,600 00 24,472 62 1,821,028 51

*Am'ts brought forward, \$5,600 00 24,472 62 1,821,028 51*

*Assistant Principals at*

*\$4 per day while  
employed in streets,  
and \$3 when in of-  
fice as Assistant As-  
sessors,*

Wm. H. Lane,

42 days, 164 00

Services as Assist.

Assessor 21 days, 63 00

Billings Briggs,

35 days, 140 00

Services as Assist.

Assessor 24 days, 72 00

Benjamin Dodd,

39 days, 156 00

Services as Assist.

Assessor 23 days, 69 00

Refreshments and ex-  
penses of visiting  
the Islands,

30 30

*Assistant Assessors,*

Twenty four—being  
two from each  
Ward; at \$3 per  
day each, while  
on duty,

2,568 00

Clerk hire in the De-  
partment,

2,714 32

Services of the Sec-  
retary,

200 00

11,776 62

**CIVIL ENGINEER,**

E. S. Chesbrough, 2,500 00

*Assistant Engineer,*

H. S. McKean, 1,200 00

3,700 00

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Chief of Police,

Gilbert Nurse, 1,800 00

*Am'ts carried forward, \$1,800 00 39,949 24 1,821,028 51*

*Am'ts brought forward,* \$1,800 00 39,949 24 1,821,028 51

*1st Deputy,*

W. D. Eaton, 1,200 00

*2d Deputy,*

Hezekiah Earle, 800 00

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3,800 00

PORT PHYSICIAN,

J. M. Moriarty, 1,200 00

CITY PHYSICIAN,

H. G. Clark, 1,000 00

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

Thomas Hunting, 2 months at  
\$1,400 233 33

Alfred T. Turner,

10½ months, at

\$1,400, 1,225 00

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1,458 33

SUP'T OF SEWERS AND DRAINS,

Charles B. Wells, 1,500 00

SUP'T OF INTERNAL HEALTH,

Ezra Forristall, 10½ months,  
at \$1,200 1,050 00

SUP'T OF LUNATIC HOSPITAL,

C. A. Walker, 1,200 00

SUP'T OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

James McAllaster, late Sup't,  
one quarter, 300 00

Samuel C. Nottage,

11 months, at

\$1,200, 1,100 00

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1,400 00

SUP'T OF PUBLIC LANDS,

Stephen Tucker, 1,200 00

CITY REGISTRAR and Sup't,

Burial Grounds,

A. Simonds, 1,200 00

Clerk to do., 700 00

*Assistant Registrar,*

Fees for collecting

the number of

Births, as required

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*Am'ts carried forward,* \$1,900 00 53,757 57 1,821,028 51

*Am'ts brought forward,* 1,900 00 53,757 57 1,821,028 51

by Statute of 1849  
 ch. 202. 637 10  
 Extra Clerk hire, 150 00  
 ————— 2,687 10

#### HARBOR MASTER.

Samuel Cook to 12th Feb'y,  
 full year allowed, 1,200 00  
 Geo. P. Tewksbury,  
 from 13th Feb'y  
 to 1st April, 162 46  
 ————— 1,362 46

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT,

*Chief Engineer,*  
 Wm. Barnicoat, 1,200 00  
*Clerk,*  
 Henry Hart, 800 00  
 Extra assistance, 200 00  
 ————— 2,200 00

*The Salaries of the Assistant En-  
 gineers are charged to the Fire  
 Department.*

#### MARKET HOUSE,

*Clerk and Superintendent,*  
 Charles B. Rice, 1,200 00

SECRETARY TO COMMITTEES, &c.,  
 Cyrus Gould, 600 00

MESSENGER TO CITY COUNCIL,  
 O. H. Spurr, 1,000 00  
*Assistant,*

J. E. Hunt, from  
 20th May at \$200, 172 16  
 ————— 1,172 16

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF BRIDGES.

*North Bridge,*  
 Samuel Jenkins, 900 00

*South Bridge,*  
 A. J. Gaffield, 400 00

*East Boston and  
 Chelsea,*  
 E. T. Stowers, 200 00  
 ————— 1,500 00

*Amounts carried forward,* \$64,479 29 1,821,028 51



|                                      |             |              |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>      | \$64,479 29 | 1,821,028 51 |
| SUP'T FANEUIL HALL,                  |             |              |
| Henry Taylor,                        | 200 00      |              |
| COUNTY OFFICERS,                     |             |              |
| <i>Judges Police Court,</i>          |             |              |
| John G. Rogers,                      | 1,800 00    |              |
| Abel Cushing,                        | 1,800 00    |              |
| Thomas Russell,                      | 1,800 00    |              |
| <i>Clerk,</i>                        |             |              |
| Thomas Power,                        | 1,800 00    |              |
| <i>First Ass't Clerk,</i>            |             |              |
| Wm. Knapp,                           | 1,500 00    |              |
| <i>Second Ass't Clerk,</i>           |             |              |
| Seth Tobey,                          | 1,000 00    |              |
|                                      | <hr/>       |              |
|                                      | 9,700 00    |              |
|                                      | <hr/>       |              |
|                                      |             | 74,379 29    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per</i> |             |              |
| <i>item No. 38 of his account,</i>   | 73,929 29   |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>    | 450 00      |              |
|                                      | <hr/>       |              |
|                                      | \$74,379 29 |              |
|                                      | <hr/>       |              |

## SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.

*The Expenditures by the City during the year, for carrying on the Public Schools, viz: One High, one Latin, one Normal, 19 Grammar, 196 Primary; including the Repairs of the Houses, Salaries, Furniture, Fuel, and all Incidental Expenses of the same amounted to \$273,251 75.*

*The details comprising this item will be found under the following heads, viz:*

## GRAMMAR, HIGH, LATIN AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Incidental expenses of this class  
of Schools, *as per details on*  
*page 40,* 37,326 71

## Instructors,

Being for the  
Salaries of the  
male and fe-  
male Teach-  
ers, employ-

*Am'ts carried forward,* \$37,326 71

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\$1,895,407 80

*Am'ts brought forward,* 37,326 71                      \$1,895,407 80

ed in these  
Schools, in-  
cluding Music  
and Drawing  
Masters,

*per details on*

*page 46,*                      129,166 55

————— 166,493 26

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Incidental expenses,  
as per details on

page 70,                      18,343 83

Instructors, per de-

tails on page 48, 63,537 50

————— 81,881 33

Total current expenses of  
carrying on all the Public } 248,374 59  
Schools, for the year,

In addition to which  
there has been ex-  
pended as follows :

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

##### Grammar.

Extra repairs and  
alterations on five  
houses,

per details on  
page 33,

1,804 00

##### Primary.

For one new  
House; and pur-  
chase of Land  
and other pay-  
ments on acc't  
of P. S. Houses,  
per details on  
page 71,

22,121 66

*Am'ts carried forward,* 23,925 66 248,374 59 1,895,407 80

*Am'ts brought forward*, 23,925 66 248,374 59 1,895,407 80

*Less*—Receipts to  
credit of these  
accounts, 1,971 21  

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21,954 45

Making a total of \$270,329 04

Besides \$2,922 71 paid for extra Salary for one of the Justices of the Police Court, for attending to truant complaints; and to three Special Police Officers, whose exclusive business is to look after children who are disposed to avoid attending the Public Schools.

**Recapitulation.**

Grammar Schools, 166,493 26  
Primary Schools, 81,881 33  
School Houses, 21,954 45  
Truants, 2,922 71

\$273,251 75

The cost of School Houses, including Land, and expenditures for alterations and repairs, to the 1st of May, 1854, is estimated as follows :

GRAMMAR AND HIGH, 881,800 00  
PRIMARY, 470,600 00

\$1,352,400 00

The number of Pupils in the Public Schools on the last day of April, was as follows :

High, 153  
Latin, 180  
Normal, 248  
Grammar, 10,685  

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11,266  
Primary, 12,155  

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23,421  

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*Amount carried forward*, \$1,895,407 80

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,895,407 80

## SEWERS AND DRAINS.

*Cost of Construction and Contingent Expenses of  
New Common Sewers, Drains and Cesspools for  
over and under ground drainage; and for clean-  
ing and repairing of old ones in the following  
Streets, viz:*

### CITY PROPER.

*Brookline and Brattle Streets; Dock Square;  
Chambers and Eaton Streets; Commercial,  
north of Clark; Commercial, near Chatham;  
Chatham extended; Cove; Davis; Dedham;  
Hawkins; Kneeland; Mount Vernon; Pearl;  
Warren and Tremont; Water, and Wendell.*

### SOUTH BOSTON.

*Broadway; First; Fourth; H; I, and Second.*

### EAST BOSTON.

*Border; Bennington; Everett and Cottage; Ev-  
erett and Jeffries; Eutaw; Havre; Liverpool;  
Meridian; Paris, and Seaver.*

### Cost of materials, viz:

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Brick,                                           | 4,531 59  |
| Lumber,                                          | 4,719 77  |
| Cement,                                          | 875 15    |
| Lime,                                            | 135 45    |
| Sand,                                            | 208 95    |
| Clay, Stone, Slate and Gravel,                   | 187 11    |
| Nails, Spikes, Treenails and<br>Iron work,       | 204 33    |
| Piles for Eutaw Street, East<br>Boston,          | 247 00    |
| Composition,                                     | 26 30     |
| Master Workmen and hired<br>men,                 | 20,322 83 |
| Carting materials and remov-<br>ing earth,       | 654 76    |
| Chaise hire for Superintend-<br>ent,             | 137 72    |
| Water, for making mortar,                        | 75 00     |
| Use of Derricks,                                 | 34 38     |
| Goose Neck for drawing wa-<br>ter from Hydrants, | 15 00     |

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$32,375 34 1,895,407 80

|                                          |           |              |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>          | 32,375 34 | 1,895,407 80 |
| Tolls to East Boston Ferry Company,      | 97 66     |              |
| Blank Books for Superintendent's Office, | 7 00      |              |

*Per item No. 37 of Treasurer's account,* 32,480 00

N. B. *In these expenditures are not embraced the cost of the Sewerage intended to drain the lands formerly bordering on the Back Bay, which were commenced in 1850-51. Those Expenditures have been charged to the appropriation for Public Lands and for Internal Health. The amount paid for this object thus far is about \$22,000.*

*By the laws of this Commonwealth, three-fourths of the cost of construction of all Common Sewers are assessed upon the estates benefited, immediately or prospectively; and said assessments are made on the value of the LAND so to be benefited; and this valuation is made independent of the Buildings, if any, which may be thereon. Repairs on Common Sewers are adjusted by the same rule.*

*All assessments thus made constitute a lien on the Estates, and are collectable in the same manner as assessments for Taxes, viz: by sale of the Estate.*

## STATE TAX.

Paid to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, the City's proportion of the State Tax of \$300,000—assessed for the year 1853 on the State valuation of 1851,

*Per item No. 51 of Treasurer's account,* 98,691 00

This assessment is on the State valuation of 1851—being \$213,310,067 00 of the \$597,936,995 46, or 33.615 per cent of the whole State Tax of \$300,000 00.

## TEMPORARY WATER LOANS.

*Payment of City Notes given for money borrowed to pay for the Water Works, in anticipation of the issue of Boston Water Scrip—as provided*

*Amount carried forward,* \$2,026,578 80

|                                                                                             |            |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                              |            | \$2,026,578 80     |
| <i>for in the act authorizing the Construction of the Water Works, viz:</i>                 |            |                    |
| Amount due in this financial year,                                                          | 461,904 00 |                    |
| Amount due in the next financial year,                                                      | 1,811 00   |                    |
|                                                                                             |            | <hr/> 463,715 00   |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per item No. 39 of his account,</i>                            | 478,715 00 |                    |
| <i>Deduct part of the \$17,000 due in 1852-53, not then called for, but paid this year,</i> | 15,000 00  |                    |
|                                                                                             |            | <hr/> \$463,715 00 |
|                                                                                             |            | <hr/>              |

## TEMPORARY CITY LOANS.

Paid off the amount borrowed this year, temporarily, for City purposes, in anticipation of the annual Taxes, in conformity with an order of the City Council of June, 1853.

*Per item No. 49 of Treasurer's account,* 291,800 00

## UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS, for widening Streets.

*The following payments have been made this year, in settlement for Land and other Damages on account of Widening and Extending Streets, made prior to the commencement of this financial year, and which claims were not settled at the time the improvements were made, viz:*

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Beverly Street,                   | 126 35   |
| Bedford Street,                   | 590 45   |
| Charter Street,                   | 93 46    |
| Chapman Street,                   | 4,319 84 |
| First Street, including Sea Wall, | 1,047 94 |
| London Street,                    | 2,101 86 |
| Milk Street,                      | 1,475 50 |
| Purchase Street,                  | 169 50   |

Washington Street, viz:

*Corner of Central*

*Court,*

2,435 02

|                               |          |          |              |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| <i>Am'ts carried forward,</i> | 2,435 02 | 9,924 90 | 2,782,093 80 |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|



|                                      |          |             |              |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Am'ts brought forward,</i>        | 2,435 02 | 9,924 90    | 2,782,093 80 |
| <i>Corner of Bedford</i>             |          |             |              |
| <i>Street,</i>                       | 1,500 00 |             |              |
| <i>Near Norfolk Place,</i>           | 1,732 44 |             |              |
|                                      | <hr/>    | 5,667 46    |              |
|                                      |          | <hr/>       | 15,592 36    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per</i> |          |             |              |
| <i>item No. 40 of his account,</i>   |          | 13,980 38   |              |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor from</i>      |          |             |              |
| <i>Widening Streets,</i>             |          | 1,611 98    |              |
|                                      |          | <hr/>       |              |
|                                      |          | \$15,592 36 |              |
|                                      |          | <hr/>       |              |

## WIDENING STREETS.

*The following payments have been made in settlement of Land Damages, and other claims on account of widening and improvements made in the Streets the present financial year; say between the 30th April, 1853, and 1st May, 1854, viz;*

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Atkinson Street,       | 4,566 20 |
| Ann and North Streets, | 250 00   |
| Broad Street,          | 338 20   |
| Bedford Street,        | 99 27    |
| Church Street,         | 9,509 64 |

N. B. \$22,971 91 was charged on this account last year.

Cove Street. *See Sea and Cove.*

Cooper Street. *See Salem and Cooper.*

East Street. *See Sea and East.*

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Green and Leverett Streets, | 1,473 57 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Myrtle Street, Extension, | 2,000 00 |
|---------------------------|----------|

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Mason Street, | 390 40 |
|---------------|--------|

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| North Street. (See Ann.) | 922 56 |
|--------------------------|--------|

Perry Street—*new Street, opening from 856 Washington*

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Street to Harrison Avenue,</i> | 11,700 62 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Perkins Street, | 6,760 73 |
|-----------------|----------|

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Pearl and Purchase Streets, | 3,899 26 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Purchase Street, | 63 75 |
|------------------|-------|

|                                 |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$41,974 20 | 2,797,686 16 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|

|                                                                                    |             |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                    | \$41,974 20 | 2,797,686 16 |
| Richmond Street,                                                                   | 1,029 54    |              |
| Salem Street,                                                                      | 1,666 00    |              |
| Salem and Cooper Streets,                                                          | 2,475 00    |              |
| Sea and Cove Street,                                                               | 561 40      |              |
| Sea and East Street,                                                               | 20 00       |              |
| Sixth Street,                                                                      | 23 50       |              |
| Washington Street, viz :                                                           |             |              |
| Numbers 318 to 322,                                                                | 4,275 00    |              |
| Corner of Avery St.,                                                               | 2,650 00    |              |
| Near Bedford Street,                                                               | 131 25      |              |
| Corner of Davis St.,                                                               | 101 28      |              |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       | 7,157 53     |
| Clerk hire for Committee on<br>Widening Streets; 3 quarters,<br>a \$500 per annum, | 375 00      |              |
| Surveys and Appraisers fees,                                                       | 270 00      |              |
| Water Bill for Tenants of houses,<br>not yet removed,                              | 16 00       |              |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       | 55,568 17    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per<br/>item No. 41 of his account,</i>               | 56,707 30   |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                                  | 472 85      |              |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       | 57,180 15    |
| <i>Transfers by Auditor to<br/>Unliquidated Claims,</i>                            | 1,611 98    |              |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       | \$55,568 17  |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       |              |

## WATCH DEPARTMENT.

|                                                                                |             |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Services of the regular Watchmen and Con-<br>stables of the Watch,             | 85,138 53   |              |
| Salary of the Captain of the<br>Watch, viz :                                   |             |              |
| Jas. Barry, 9 months,<br>a \$600 per annum,                                    | 450 00      |              |
| Wm. K. Jones, 3 mos.,<br>a \$1,200 per ann.,                                   | 300 00      |              |
|                                                                                | <hr/>       | 750 00       |
| Rent of Watch House, at the<br>Boylston Market, and one in<br>Leverett Street, | 790 00      |              |
|                                                                                | <hr/>       |              |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                | \$86,678 53 | 2,853,254 33 |

|                                                                                                                                                   |                    |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                   | \$86,678 53        | 2,853,254 33 |
| Care, Sweeping, and Cleaning<br>of the Houses and Lock-ups,                                                                                       | 713 63             |              |
| Bedding,                                                                                                                                          | 138 75             |              |
| Rattles, and Repairing,                                                                                                                           | 20 75              |              |
| Hooks, Handcuffs, &c.,                                                                                                                            | 37 00              |              |
| Furniture,                                                                                                                                        | 122 35             |              |
| Fuel for the Watch Houses,                                                                                                                        | 495 75             |              |
| Oil for the Watch Houses,                                                                                                                         | 358 67             |              |
| Gas Fixtures and Gas for the<br>Watch Houses,                                                                                                     | 181 92             |              |
| Repairs of Watch Houses, white<br>washing, &c.,                                                                                                   | 29 17              |              |
| Warming Apparatus,                                                                                                                                | 29 03              |              |
| Water for the Houses,                                                                                                                             | 80 00              |              |
| Medical attendance on sick and<br>wounded persons taken into<br>the Watch Houses, including<br>City Physician's Bill for three<br>years services, | 380 00             |              |
| Stationery and Directories,                                                                                                                       | 20 99              |              |
| New Signs for Watch Houses,                                                                                                                       | 8 14               |              |
| Locks and Keys,                                                                                                                                   | 30 33              |              |
| Carriage hire, and Transporta-<br>tion of Paupers and others,<br>taken up by the Watch and<br>conveyed to prison or other<br>places,              | 22 00              |              |
|                                                                                                                                                   |                    | 89,347 01    |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer, per<br/>item No. 42 of his account,</i>                                                                              | 89,261 24          |              |
| <i>Amount not yet called for,</i>                                                                                                                 | 85 77              |              |
|                                                                                                                                                   | <u>\$89,347 01</u> |              |

## WARD ROOM, WARD IX —

*Located in the new Primary School House,  
in Warren Street.*

The whole cost of which House  
was, 19,344 16  
Which is proportioned as fol-  
lows, viz :

|                                 |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$19,344 16 | 2,942,601 34 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|

*Amounts brought forward,* \$19,344 16 2,942,601 34

Primary School

House, 13,544 16

Engine House, 4,000 00

Ward Room, balance, 1,800 00

19,344 16

*Per item No. 44 of Treasurer's account,* 1,800 00

### WATER WORKS.

The payments on account of the Water Works for the present year have been as follows, viz :

Payments on Drafts drawn by the Cochituate Water Board, 73,043 76

Salary of Water Registrar 12 months at \$1,300 per annum—less paid last year \$100, 1,200 00

Salary of the Treasurer's Water Clerk one year, 1,100 00

Cost of the annual visit of the City Government to view the whole line of the Works, 394 88

Keeping the fountains in repair, 80 20

Hire of Horse and Chaise for the Water Registrar, 184 75

2,959 83

76,003 59

*Amount paid by Treasurer, per item No. 43 of his account,* 76,073 83

*Amount due last year, but not called for till this year,* 70 24

76,003 59

*Amounts carried forward,* \$76,003 59 2,944,401 34

|                                                                                                                 |               |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                 | \$76,003 59   | 2,944,401 34 |
| Interest and discount paid by<br>the Treasurer this year on<br>Loans obtained on account of<br>the Water Works, |               |              |
| <i>Per item No. 50 of his account,</i>                                                                          | 268,714 62    |              |
|                                                                                                                 | <hr/>         | 344,718 21   |
| <i>The Amount received to credit of the Water Works<br/>this year, from all sources was</i>                     | \$213,677 67. |              |

## WATER SCRIP.

Payments of Boston Water Scrip, being notes of the City with coupons attached, given for money borrowed to construct the Water Works, and considered as the *Permanent Water Loan*.

Of this Loan there became due in this financial year, the sum of 67,000 00

We have also paid the following amounts which were not due, viz :

|                            |          |           |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Due in the financial year, |          |           |
| 1856-57—                   | 2,000 00 |           |
| 1859-60—                   | 6,000 00 |           |
| 1860-61—                   | 2,000 00 |           |
|                            | <hr/>    | 10,000 00 |
|                            |          | <hr/>     |
|                            |          | 77,000 00 |

The amount charged by the Treasurer, *per item No. 45 of his account*, is 78,000 00

There is also outstanding one note due this year; but not yet called for, 1,000 00

|  |       |           |
|--|-------|-----------|
|  | <hr/> | 79,000 00 |
|--|-------|-----------|

*Deduct* two notes which were due and charged by the Auditor in his account of last year, 2,000 00

|                   |       |             |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|
| Leaving as above, | <hr/> | \$77,000 00 |
|                   | <hr/> |             |

|                                |       |                |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | <hr/> | \$3,366,119 55 |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|

*Amount brought forward,* \$3,366,119 55  
**WHARF AT EAST BOSTON.**

Paid for building 1039 $\frac{1}{2}$  perch of Sea Wall  
 on the City's Lot on Condor Street, pur-  
 chased last year, with the intention of  
 building a Wharf for the accommodation  
 of the Paving Department,

*Per item No. 12 of Treasurer's account,* 1,299 37

N. B. *The work on this Lot has been suspended  
 for the present, by order of the Committee on  
 Paving, &c.*

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Total Expenditures on CITY ACCOUNT for } \$3,367,418 92  
 the year 1853-54,                     

☞ *For Expenditures on account of the County, see*  
**COUNTY ACCOUNTS.**

*Auditor's Office, 29th June, 1854.*

**ELISHA COPELAND,**

*Auditor of Accounts.*



## CITY INCOME.

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STATEMENT of the INCOME received on account of  
the CITY OF BOSTON during the financial year  
1853-54.

*Commencing with the first day of May, 1853, and ending  
with the last day of April, 1854.*

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N. B. *The Income on account of the County of Suffolk, which  
comprises the City of Boston and the towns of Chelsea, North Chelsea  
and Winthrop, are contained in another Statement.*

### AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS.

Received from him in reimbursement of the  
amount charged to him on page 24 of  
Expenditures,  
*Per item No. 95 of Treasurer's account,* 900 00

### BURIAL GROUNDS.

*Received from the City Registrar, who is now the  
acting Superintendent of Burial Grounds, for  
Fees, &c., viz :*

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Burial fees and use of Cars,             | 1,165 25 |
| Deposit of Bodies in receiving<br>Tombs, | 304 00   |
| Sale of Grass,                           | 6 00     |

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*Per item No. 61 of Treasurer's account,* 1,475 25

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*Amount carried forward,* \$2,375 25

*Amount brought forward,* \$2,375 25

### BONDS AND MORTGAGES.

Received in Cash as follows—being for first payment on Bonds received for Sales of Lands made this year, and for payments on Bonds and Mortgages which were on hand on the first day of May, 1853, viz :

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| On account of City Wharf, | 136,090 87 |
| Neck Lands,               | 90,951 43  |
| Old Hay Scales,           | 20,313 87  |
| Jail Lands,               | 7,274 83   |
| Arsenal Lot,              | 3,378 70   |
| Moon St. Primary          |            |
| School House Lot,         | 1,130 00   |
| Providence Street,        | 705 00     |

*Per item No. 60 of Treasurer's account,* 259,844 70

### BRIDGES.

Received for old materials sold,  
*Per item No. 62 of Treasurer's account,* 25 00

### COMMON, &c.

|                                                                                    |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Received for rent of Public Garden, for Equestrian and other Exhibitions,          | 1,600 00 |
| Received from an Individual for Labor on his Land at East Boston, by City workmen, | 628 00   |
| Received from Superintendent for Sundries,                                         | 30 00    |

*Per item No. 63 of Treasurer's account,* 2,258 00

### CITY DEBT.

Amount obtained on City Notes issued this year, for Loans authorized by the City Government, for the following objects, viz :

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Public Lands, including filling up South Bay, | 13,000 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|

*Amounts carried forward,* \$13,000 00 \$264,502 95

|                                                                                                                       |             |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                       | \$13,000 00 | \$264,502 95 |
| Boylston School House—author-<br>ized last year,                                                                      | 24,000 00   |              |
| New Primary School House,<br>Ward Room and Engine<br>House in Ward IX,                                                | 11,913 00   |              |
| Library Lot in Boylston Street,                                                                                       | 73,000 00   |              |
| Wharf at East Boston,                                                                                                 | 3,000 00    |              |
| Additional appropriations,<br>of which \$180,000 are on ac-<br>count of the year 1852-53,<br>and \$3,000 for 1853-54, | 183,000 00  |              |
| Renewal of part of the City Debt<br>of \$810,900 due next year,                                                       | 636,205 00  |              |
| <i>Per item No. 64 of Treasurer's account,</i>                                                                        |             | 944,118 00   |

## CITY REGISTRAR.

|                                                                                                                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Received from this Officer for Certificates of<br>Intentions of Marriage issued by him,<br><i>Per item No. 65 of Treasurer's account,</i> | 1,522 00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

## CITY CLERK.

*Received from the City Clerk for the following Fees,  
&c., collected by him, viz:*

|                                                                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Recording Mortgages of Per-<br>sonal Property,                                              | 725 32 |
| Licenses for the sale of second<br>hand articles,                                           | 157 00 |
| For use of Faneuil Hall,                                                                    | 114 00 |
| Licenses for Intelligence Offices,                                                          | 15 00  |
| Certificates under the City Seal,                                                           | 5 00   |
| Recording in Clerk's Office, as<br>required by Law, notices of<br>articles or cattle found, | 1 00   |

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|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>Per item No. 66 of Treasurer's account,</i> | 1,017 32 |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|

## ENGINE HOUSES.

|                                                                           |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Received for sale of an old Engine House,<br>on Johnson School House Lot, | 745 00 |
| From Auditor,                                                             | 25 73  |

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|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <i>Per item No. 68 of Treasurer's account,</i> | 770 73 |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$1,211,931 00 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,211,931 00

### EXTERNAL HEALTH.

Amount received from the Port Physician,  
being the legal fees collected by him from  
vessels boarded and inspected on their ar-  
rival here from foreign ports,

*Per item No. 67 of Treasurer's account,* 383 00

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Received from Chief Engineer for old Hose,  
&c., sold by him, 125 17

From Auditor—being collections  
by him from the Treasury, in  
settlement of old Balances on  
the Treasurer's Books, 152 97

*Per item No. 69 of Treasurer's account,* 278 14

FEES, &c. *See City Clerk, City Registrar  
and Police.*

### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Received for Sales of old School Furni-  
ture, 329 18

From Auditor, 149 41

478 59

*Amount received by Treasurer, per  
item No. 70 of his account,* 771 51

*Transfer by Auditor to Grammar  
School Houses,* 292 92

478 59

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSES.

Received for the old Johnson School House  
Building, sold from off the Site of the  
new House, 975 00

Balance unexpended of the ap-  
propriation of 1852-53 for

*Amounts carried forward,* \$975 00 1,213,070 73.

|                                                                      |          |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                      | \$975 00 | 1,213,070 73 |
| Building the Boylston School House,                                  | 292 92   |              |
|                                                                      | —        | 1,267 92     |
| <i>Amount received by Treasurer, per item No. 71 of his account,</i> | 975 00   |              |
| <i>Transferred by Auditor from Grammar Schools, as above,</i>        | 292 92   |              |
|                                                                      | 1,267 92 |              |

## HAY SCALES.

Received from the Keeper of the Northern Hay Scales, being for the City's half of Fees received by him for weighing Hay and other merchandise,

*Per item No. 74 of Treasurer's account,* 1,471 28

N. B. *The Southern Scales, on Harrison Avenue, near the City Stables, are under the care of one of the Employees in said Stables.*

## HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Received from the Overseers, being the proceeds of labor of the inmates, including sales of Fruit, &c.,

*Per item No. 72 of Treasurer's account,* 23,558 08

## HOUSES OF INDUSTRY, REFORMATION, AND DEER ISLAND ESTABLISHMENT.

Received from the Commonwealth for the support of State Paupers in the Establishment at South Boston and at Deer Island,\* 16,626 72

Received from the Directors for proceeds of the labor of the inmates in those establishments, including the sale of

|                                 |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$16,626 72 | 1,239,368 01 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|

|                                                             |             |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                             | \$16,626 72 | 1,239,368 01 |
| Fruits, Vegetables, &c., as per<br>details in the appendix, | 7,620 97    |              |
| Received from Auditor,                                      | 13 00       |              |
| <i>Per item No. 73 of Treasurer's account,</i>              |             | 24,260 69    |

\* *There is a further claim against the State of \$1,413 29 for support of Ship Fever Patients, which is yet unsettled, most of which it is believed will be allowed.*

### INTERNAL HEALTH.

|                                                                                                           |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Received from the Contractors for the House<br>Offal, for one year,                                       | 8,500 00 |
| Received from Superintendent<br>of Paving Department, for use<br>of Teams employed by that<br>Department, | 5,715 25 |

N. B. *All the Teams owned by the City are kept at the Expense of the Internal Health Department.*

|                                                                                                                    |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| From individuals in reimburse-<br>ment of Expenditures by the<br>City, for abating nuisances on<br>their premises, | 2,502 09 |
| Received from the late Superin-<br>tendent of this Department,                                                     | 1,783 25 |
| Received for sale of old Har-<br>nesses, Wagons, &c.,                                                              | 483 11   |
| Received from Auditor,                                                                                             | 6 00     |

|                                                |           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Per item No. 75 of Treasurer's account,</i> | 18,989 70 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|

### INTEREST.

|                                                                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Received for Interest on Bonds and Mortga-<br>ges due the City, and on over due Taxes, |           |
| <i>Per item No. 76 of Treasurer's account,</i>                                         | 82,278 57 |

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Received from Auditor, being for collections  
by him from Individuals for expenses  
paid by the City for support of their rela-

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$1,364,896 97 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|



*Amount brought forward,* \$1,364,896 97

tives in the Insane Hospital at Worcester,  
and for other items belonging to this  
appropriation, 580 40

Received from Commonwealth,  
in reimbursement of Armory  
Rents paid by the City, accord-  
ing to the requirements of the  
Statute of 26th April, 1853, 2,847 95

Received from an Individual, for  
the support of a relative at  
Worcester, 207 33

Received from East Boston  
Company, in part settlement  
of an item of Damage recover-  
ed against the City, 350 00

Received from Superintendent  
of Public Lands, 34 00

Received for Furniture sold, 45 00

Received in reimbursement of  
Legal Expenses, 5 37

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*Per item No. 76 of Treasurer's account,* 4,070 05

#### LAMPS.

Received from the Superintendent of Lamps,  
being payments for Oil supplied by his  
department, from the City Oil Cellar, to  
sundry other departments of the City Gov-  
ernment, 792 74

Received from Auditor, 32 33

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*Per item No. 77 of Treasurer's account,* 825 07

LANDS. *See Public Lands.*

LIBRARY. *See Public Library.*

#### LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

Received from the Commonwealth for the  
support of State Paupers in this Institu-  
tion, 19,805 09

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$19,805 09 1,369,792 09

|                                                                                |             |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                | \$19,805 09 | 1,369,792 09 |
| Received from the Superintendent of the Hospital, for collections made by him, | 178 65      |              |
| <i>Per item No. 78 of Treasurer's account,</i>                                 |             | 19,983 74    |

## LIBRARY LOT.

|                                                |  |        |
|------------------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Received for Rent of Buildings on this Lot,    |  |        |
| <i>Per item No. 79 of Treasurer's account,</i> |  | 516 23 |

## MILITIA BOUNTY.

|                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Received from the Commonwealth in reimbursement of what the City had to advance in 1853 to its Volunteer Militia, in conformity with the requirements of the act of 24th March, 1840, |  |           |
| <i>Per item No. 79½ of Treasurer's account,</i>                                                                                                                                       |  | 11,514 00 |

## MARKET.

Amount received from Superintendent of Market for sale of Coal and Gas supplied to occupants, viz:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Coal, | 303 00 |        |
| Gas,  | 20 16  |        |
|       |        | 323 16 |

*The whole of this amount is included in the Treasurer's account of Market Rents. See Rents.*

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

|                                                                                                             |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received from the Commonwealth in reimbursement of payments made by this Board for Burial of State Paupers, | 1,185 50 |          |
| Received from Overseers for collections by them from other Towns and Cities for support of their Poor,      | 1,239 94 |          |
| <i>Per item No. 80 of Treasurer's account,</i>                                                              |          | 2,425 44 |

## POLICE.

For Licenses for Theatres and other places of public amusement, including the ser-

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$1,404,554 66 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,404,554 66

|                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| vice of Officers placed there at the City's expense, | 1,717 00 |
| Other services of Police officers,                   | 3,866 20 |
| For Licenses for Trucks, Wag-                        |          |
| ons and other vehicles,                              | 2,270 00 |
| Dog Licenses,                                        | 1,718 00 |
| From Prisoners,                                      | 26 27    |
| From Auditor,                                        | 7 53     |

*Per item No. 82 of Treasurer's account,* 9,605 00

#### PAVING, &c.

Received from the late Superintendent of Streets for collections by him from sales of old stone, gravel, blocks and other materials, on account of the Paving Department,

6,458 18

From sundry persons, for assessments on them for Paving and repairing sidewalks, &c.,

7,246 17

From Auditor,

131 92

*Per item No. 81 of Treasurer's account,* 13,836 27

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Amount received from Auditor,

*Per item No. 83 of Treasurer's account,* 22 97

#### PUBLIC LANDS.

Received in cash for sales of Land made this year,

1,357 50

Received for sale of the old Arsenal Building,

1,530 00

Received for assessments on individuals for the right of entry into Drains and Sewers on the Neck Lands, the construction of which Sewers was originally charged to Public Lands,

304 17

*Per item No. 86 of Treasurer's account,* 3,191 67

*Amount carried forward,* \$1,431,210 57

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,431,210 57

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Received from Auditor,  
*Per item No. 87 of Treasurer's account,* 154 20

### PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSES.

Received from Superintendent of Public  
Buildings, for sales of old Buildings from  
off Primary School House Sites, 70 50  
*Amount per item No. 84 of*  
*Treasurer's account,* 408 00  
Amount deducted by Auditor in  
his charge against P. S. Houses,  
in Expense account, 337 50  

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70 50  

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### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Interest in part on Trust funds, 3,100 00  
Donation from J. I. Bowditch, Esq. 300 00  

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Per item No. 85 of Treasurer's account, 3,400 00

### RENTS.

*The Income from Rents during the year has been  
as follows:*

#### MARKET HOUSE.

Stalls, 35,571 72  
Cellars, 9,561 84  
Outside Stands, 1,173 75  
Public Scales, 863 87  

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47,171 18  
Hall over the Market, 2,500 00

Total from Market House, 49,671 18

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Stores, Cellars and Chambers, 6,200 00

#### OLD STATE HOUSE.

Lower Floor, 4,425 00  
Basement, 2,400 00  
Chambers, 2,130 00  

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8,955 00

*Amounts carried forward,* \$64,826 18 1,434,835 27

*Amounts brought forward,* \$64,826 18 1,434,835 27

## WHARF PROPERTY.

Jail Wharf on Cambridge St., 1,000 00

BRIDGE ESTATE—at the junction  
of Court and Tremont streets;  
purchased in 1849, with oth-  
ers which were removed, for  
the purpose of widening those  
Streets, 1,200 00

## CITY BUILDING—Court Square.

One Attic, 25 00

*All this Building, except a portion of  
the attic, is now occupied for City  
purposes, viz: Water Registrar,  
City Registrar, Superintendent of  
Burial Grounds, City Physician,  
Chief Engineer of Fire Depart-  
men; Office of the Electric Tel-  
egraph, and Superintendent of  
Lamps.*

HERSEY HALL, or Ober Hall,  
over the old Hancock School  
House, in Hanover Street, 300 00

OLD PLANING MILL, on what was  
formerly Urann's Wharf on  
Harrison Avenue, 44 44

## CELLARS.

Two under the City Hall, 350 00

## LANDS, viz :

Gravel Farm in Ded-  
ham, 5 quarters, 100 00

Land on Newton St.,  
adjoining Chicker-  
ing's Factory, 100 00

On Harrison Avenue, 46 25

On Tremont Street, 15 00

Land at the junction  
of Ann and Com-  
mercial Streets, 75 00

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336 25

*Amounts carried forward,* \$68,081 87 1,434,835 27

|                                                                                                                     |                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                     | \$68,081 87       | 1,434,835 27 |
| TOWN SLIP, foot of Belcher's<br>Lane, between Rowe's Wharf<br>and Foster's Wharf,                                   | 50 00             |              |
| COURT HOUSE.<br>U. S. Court Room,<br>Marshal's Office,<br>(18 months due,) 4,500 00<br>Occupants under the<br>same, | 262 50            |              |
|                                                                                                                     | <hr/> 4,762 50    |              |
|                                                                                                                     |                   | 72,894 37    |
| <i>Amount, per item No. 88 of<br/>Treasurer's account</i>                                                           | 73,217 53         |              |
| Transferred by Auditor to Mar-<br>ket,                                                                              | 323 16            |              |
|                                                                                                                     | <hr/> \$72,894 37 |              |

REGISTRAR. *See City Registrar.*

#### SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Received for assessments on sundry persons  
for proportion of the cost of new Sewers,  
and for the right to enter old ones, 18,829 99

Received from Superintendent  
of Sewers, for collections  
made by him,

1,727 18

*Per item No. 89 of Treasurer's account,* 20,557 17

#### SCHOOL FUND.

From Commonwealth for the City's propor-  
tion of the Income from the State School  
Fund,

*Per item No. 89 $\frac{1}{2}$  of Treasurer's account,* 5,745 85

#### TEMPORARY CITY LOANS.

Received on Loans negotiated under an or-  
der of the City Council, of 13th June,  
1853, authorizing the Treasurer to borrow  
temporarily, such money as might be

*Amount carried forward,* \$1,534,032 66



*Amount brought forward,* \$1,534,032 66

wanted, not exceeding \$600,000, in anticipation of the income of the financial year 1853-54—said Loan to be repaid before the close of the financial year,

*Per item No. 91 of Treasurer's account,* 291,800 00

## TAXES.

Received for Taxes collected during the year, viz :

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| On Tax for year 1853 | 1,511,129 01 |
| 1852                 | 33,075 82    |
| 1851 .               | 1,330 04     |
| 1850                 | 165 03       |
| 1849                 | 214 50       |
| 1848                 | 155 57       |
| 1847                 | 83 19        |
| 1846                 | 31 04        |
| 1845                 | 15 06        |
| 1844 to 1833         | 25 96        |

*Per item No. 90 of Treasurer's account,* 1,546,225 22

## WATCH DEPARTMENT.

Received from Auditor,

*Per item No. 93 of Treasurer's account,* 15 99

## WIDENING STREETS.

Amount received on this account, viz :

|                                                                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Collections by Auditor from Treasurer, repaid,                                                       | 1,177 05 |
| Rent of houses on Fayette Street, purchased for the purpose of widening and extending Church Street, | 133 25   |
| Refunded on an over payment for Land Damages,                                                        | 349 31   |
| Contribution from Proprietors of Estates on London St., towards extension of the same,               | 750 00   |

*Per item No. 92 of Treasurer's account,* 2,409 61

*Amount carried forward,* \$3,374,483 48

*Amount brought forward,* \$3,374,483 48

# WATER WORKS.

## WATER RENTS.\*

Amount received for Water Rents, viz :

Due in the year

1851, 52 79

1852, 472 57

1853, 36,520 67

1854, 169,690 19

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206,736 22

SHUTTING OFF, and letting on

Water, in cases of non-pay-  
ment of Water Rates,

720 00

Mortgage Notes paid in,

1,240 00

Interest on Mortgage Notes,

335 12

COCHITUATE WATER BOARD, viz :

Sales of Real Estate, 200 00

Rent of Land and

Buildings,

302 50

Laying and repairing

service pipes, shut-

ting off and letting

on Water for re-

pairs of pipes, at

the request of in-

dividuals ; filling

cisterns, &c.,

3,816 85

Sales of old materi-

als and machinery,

226 86

Old Buildings,

56 25

Grass,

43 87

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4,646 33

*Per item No. 94 of Treasurer's account,*

213,677 67

\* *The total amount received for Water Rents up to  
30th April, 1854, is \$879,603 80.*

Total INCOME on CITY ACCOUNT, }  
for the year 1853-54, }

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\$3,588,161 15

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*Auditor's Office, 29th June, 1854.*

ELISHA COPELAND,

*Auditor of Accounts.*

# COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

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## STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1853-54.

*Commencing with the first day of May, 1853, and ending  
with the last day of April, 1854.*

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### MAYOR'S DRAFTS.

*For amounts drawn by the Mayor, and paid  
through the Auditor's office, viz :*

#### COUNTY BUILDINGS.

##### *Court House,*

New Water Closets, altering rooms,  
and repairing damage done

by fire, 1,387 87

Painting, 2,284 32

Warming apparatus, 174 02

Plumbers' work, 113 50

Sodding around the house,  
and repairing iron Fence, 156 12

Water Rates, 95 00

Night Tubs for Lock-ups, 12 00

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4,222 83

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$4,222 83

*Amount brought forward,* \$4,222 83

REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND PROBATE OFFICE.

|                                                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Various repairs and painting,                    | 132 02 |
| New Book cases,                                  | 113 55 |
| New Iron Galleries around the<br>interior walls, | 430 64 |
| Designs and Draw-<br>ings for same,              | 25 00  |
|                                                  | <hr/>  |
|                                                  | 455 64 |
| Plumbers' Bills,                                 | 8 37   |
| Warming apparatus and Ven-<br>tilating,          | 40 33  |
| Water Rates,                                     | 10 00  |
|                                                  | <hr/>  |

759 91

NEW JAIL.

|                                                                                                                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid award of Arbitrators in favor of<br>Luther Munn, for balance due him on<br>his contract for the Stone work for the<br>new Jail, | 7,888 19 |
| Survey and Estimate of the<br>Stone which would have<br>been contained in the walls,<br>according to the original<br>plan,           | 52 30    |
| Iron work and other repairs,                                                                                                         | 347 79   |
| Painting Windows, Bars, Cu-<br>pola, Office and Window<br>Frames,                                                                    | 971 86   |
| Warming apparatus,                                                                                                                   | 236 87   |
| Mattrasses,                                                                                                                          | 425 50   |
| Buckets and Tubs,                                                                                                                    | 135 00   |
| Plumbers' work,                                                                                                                      | 200 87   |
|                                                                                                                                      | <hr/>    |

10,258 38

LOCK-UPS IN JAIL YARD.

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cost of building additional<br>Lock-ups, | 3,732 57 |
| Lining the inside walls,                 | 136 59   |
|                                          | <hr/>    |

3,869 16

CEPTION HOUSE ON JAIL LOT.

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Small repairs and Ventilating, | 24 50 |
| Water rates,                   | 8 00  |
|                                | <hr/> |

32 50

*Amount carried forward,*

\$19,142 78

*Amount brought forward,* \$19,142 78

## SALARIES, viz :

To Daniel Merrill, Keeper and  
Superintendent of the Court  
House, to 7th Feb.,

*full quarter allowed,* 700 00

W. Easterbrook,  
from 7th Feb.,

1854, 101 65

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801 65

To Keeper of Police and Jus-  
tices' Court, and Lock-up  
Rooms,

400 00

To Keeper of the Registry of  
Deeds, and Probate Offices,

250 00

To Clerk employed by Treas-  
urer at the Court House, to  
pay Witness fees as soon  
as due, *per order of Mayor  
and Aldermen, 31st Dec.,  
1853*—one quarter at \$500  
per annum,

125 00

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1,576 65

## FUEL.

For Court House, Registry of Deeds and  
Probate Offices,

1,092 01

## GAS LIGHT.

Gas for Court House, Registry of Deeds  
and Probate Offices,

426 56

Chandelier for Court House,

48 25

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474 81

## FURNITURE.

*Purchase of new and repairs of old, viz :*

For the Court House, 1,401 34

For Registry of Deeds and  
Probate Offices,

274 38

For Receiving House,

14 83

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1,690 55

PRINTING, STATIONERY, BLANK BOOKS, &c.,

466 24

## NEW INDICES.

Payment on account of making new Cop-

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$24,443 04

|                                                                                                                                       |           |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                        |           | \$24,443 04 |
| ies of the Indices, on Parchment, for the<br>Registry of Deeds Office,                                                                |           | 333 50      |
| <i>Previous payments on this account, \$650.</i>                                                                                      |           |             |
| CLEANING WINDOWS, Floors, &c., in both<br>Buildings, including Whitewashing and<br>Care of the Lock-ups in the Court House,           |           | 303 43      |
| NEW ROAD.                                                                                                                             |           |             |
| From North Chelsea to Chelsea Beach—<br><i>per order of County Commissioners,</i>                                                     |           | 2,644 51    |
| DESIGNS, Drawings, Estimates, &c., for a<br>proposed new Building on the Jail Lot, to<br>be used for the Police and Justices' Courts, |           | 125 00      |
| <i>Per item No. 100 of C. T. accounts,</i>                                                                                            |           | 27,849 48   |
| <i>Amount paid by Treasurer per</i>                                                                                                   |           |             |
| <i>item No. 100 of his account,</i>                                                                                                   | 27,779 48 |             |
| <i>Transfer by Auditor,</i>                                                                                                           | 70 00     |             |
|                                                                                                                                       | 27,849 48 |             |

## COUNTY DRAFTS.

*The following payments are on requisitions by  
County authorities, made directly on the County  
Treasurer, and are not drawn for by the Mayor ;  
nor are they, in any way, under the control or  
supervision of the City authorities, viz :*

## MUNICIPAL COURT.

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Sheriff,             | 673 29    |
| Deputy Sheriff,      | 554 42    |
| Clerk,               | 5,121 00  |
| Crier,               | 1,416 08  |
| Constables,          | 8,767 11  |
| Witnesses,           | 13,781 46 |
| Hackmen,             | 725 85    |
| Chelsea Justice,     | 85 26     |
| Officers,            | 125 50    |
| Incidental Expenses, | 816 57    |
|                      | 32,066 54 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$32,066 54 | \$27,849 48 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|



*Amounts brought forward,*                      \$32,066 54      \$27,849 48

## SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Sheriff,        | 646 66   |          |
| Deputy Sheriff, | 346 00   |          |
| Clerk,          | 296 05   |          |
| Messenger,      | 644 00   |          |
| Crier,          | 354 00   |          |
| Constables,     | 1,056 88 |          |
| Witnesses,      | 142 08   |          |
| Incidentals,    | 681 21   |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | 4,166 88 |

## POLICE COURT.

|             |          |           |
|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Constables, | 7,776 23 |           |
| Witnesses,  | 3,479 61 |           |
|             | <hr/>    | 11,255 84 |

## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Sheriff,             | 695 74   |          |
| Deputy Sheriff,      | 292 00   |          |
| Clerk,               | 401 45   |          |
| Messenger,           | 572 63   |          |
| Crier,               | 430 00   |          |
| Constables,          | 1,412 91 |          |
| Witnesses,           | 68 44    |          |
| Chelsea Justice,     | 251 98   |          |
| Officers,            | 144 51   |          |
| Incidental Expenses, | 2,246 18 |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | 6,515 84 |

JURORS for all the Courts,                      23,884 82

## JURIES OF INQUEST.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Jurors,              | 1,330 08 |          |
| Witnesses,           | 262 39   |          |
| Coroners,            | 842 70   |          |
| Constables,          | 761 92   |          |
| Scribes,             | 217 00   |          |
| Medical Examiners,   | 732 00   |          |
| Incidental Expenses, |          |          |
| Removing Bodies,     |          |          |
| &c.,                 | 44 50    |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | 4,190 59 |

*Per item No. 102 of County  
Treasurer's account,*                      82,080 51

|                                 |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                                 | \$82,080 51 | \$27,849 48 |

*Amounts brought forward,*                      \$82,080 51    \$27,849 48

**BOARD OF COUNTY ACCOUNTS.\***

Allowance to the members of  
this Board for their ser-  
vices,                      276 00

Salary to the Clerk  
of the Board, one  
year,                      150 00

Criers and Officers  
of the Police and  
Justices' Courts,                      322 00

Printing for the Po-  
lice and Justices'  
Courts,                      375 50

Stationery and Blank  
Books,                      99 77

Salary of the Mes-  
senger of the Po-  
lice and Justices'  
Courts,                      332 72

Carriage hire for the  
Board of Accounts,                      22 15

Engraving a new  
Seal, and Press  
for the same,                      45 00

Sheriff, for keeping  
Prisoners,                      272 90

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*Per item No. 101 of County  
Treasurer's account,*                      1,896 04

\* *This Board is composed of the  
Judge of Probate and the three  
Justices of the Police Court. They  
receive \$3.00 each, per day, when  
on duty.*

**JAIL ACCOUNTS.**

Balance of Jail Accounts,  
being for expense of keep-

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*Amounts carried forward,*                      \$83,976 55    \$27,849 48

|                                                                                                                                                                |             |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                | \$83,976 55 | \$27,849 48  |
| ing Prisoners, &c. in County Jail,                                                                                                                             |             |              |
| <i>Per item No. 103 of County Treasurer's account,</i>                                                                                                         | 22,288 97   |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                | <hr/>       | 106,265 52   |
| <i>Total Expenditure on County Account, exclusive of \$9,700, paid for Salaries to the Justices and Clerks of the Police Court, as per details on page 85,</i> | }           | \$134,115 00 |
|                                                                                                                                                                |             | <hr/> <hr/>  |

By adding this \$9,700 to the above amount the whole Expenditure on County Account is shown to be \$143,815 00.

*The payments by the Treasurer on County Account, amounted to,*

134,045 00

*That amount is increased by a Transfer by the Auditor from City Account,*

70 00

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\$134,115 00

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*Auditor's Office, 29th June, 1854.*

ELISHA COPELAND,

*Auditor of Accounts.*

## COUNTY INCOME.

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Statement of the RECEIPTS on account of the COUNTY of  
SUFFOLK.

During the financial year 1853-54.

*Commencing with the first day of May, 1853, and ending  
with the last day of April, 1854.*

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### COUNTY BALANCES.

Received from the Commonwealth for the  
proportion which the State allows, (being  
two-thirds) of the net cost of Criminal  
prosecutions.

*Per item No. 113 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 21,573 56

### MUNICIPAL COURT.

Received from the Sheriff of the County for  
Fines and Costs taxed in the Municipal  
Court.

*Per item No. 104 of County  
Treasurer's account,* 5,447 50

Received from the Deputy Jailor  
for the same,

*Per item No. 105 of County  
Treasurer's account,* 3,182 86

Received from the Clerk of the  
Municipal Court for half sur-  
plus fees,

*Per item No. 111 of County  
Treasurer's account,* 1,976 10

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10,606 46

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$32,180 02

*Amount brought forward,* \$32,180 02

## SUPREME AND COMMON PLEAS COURTS.

Received from the Clerk for half surplus fees,  
*Per item No. 112 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 1,858 23

## POLICE COURT.

Received from the Clerk for Fines and Costs,  
*Per item No. 108 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 9,848 88

## JUSTICES' COURT.

Received from Clerk for Fees,  
*Per item No. 109 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 2,761 93

## FINES.

Received from Clerk Court Common Pleas,  
*Per item No. 115 of County  
 Treasurer's account,* 8 00

Received from a Justice in Chelsea for Fines,  
*Per item No. 107 of County  
 Treasurer's account,* 113 50

Received from Master of the House of Correction, for Fines collected by him,  
*Per item No. 110 of County  
 Treasurer's account,* 550 51

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672 01

## JAIL RENT.

Received from Deputy Jailor for use of Jail to confine United States Prisoners,  
*Per item No. 106 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 59 04

Received from Auditor,  
*Per item No. 116 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 14 00

Received from Pedlars for Licenses,  
*Per item No. 114 of County Treasurer's acc't,* 4 00

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Total Income on COUNTY ACCOUNT for }  
 the year 1853-54. } \$47,398 11

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*Auditor's Office, 29th June, 1854.*

ELISHA COPELAND,

*Auditor of Accounts.*

## COUNTY AGGREGATES.

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|                                                                                                           |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| The amount of Expenditures on County Account, as per details on page 117, is                              | 134,115 00         |
| The Income on this Account, as per details on page 119, is                                                | 47,398 11          |
| Balance against the County,                                                                               | <u>86,716 89</u>   |
| To which should be added the amount paid for Salaries to the County Officers, as stated on page 85, viz : | 9,700 00           |
| Making a total balance against the County of                                                              | <u>\$96,416 89</u> |
| Balance as above,                                                                                         | 96,416 89          |
| Balance last year,                                                                                        | 66,010 11          |
| Excess, this year,                                                                                        | <u>\$30,406 78</u> |



A G G R E G A T E S  
 OF THE  
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
 FROM THE  
 CITY AND COUNTY TREASURY,  
 DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
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According to the Treasurer's Accounts, the gross amount of actual Receipts into the General Treasury—(City and County)—between the last day of April, 1853, and the first day of May, 1854, was as follows :

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| On City Account,   | 3,588,498 65 |
| On County Account, | 47,398 14    |
|                    | <hr/>        |
|                    | 3,635,896 76 |

|                                                                  |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| The Balance in the Treasury at the commencement of the year was, | 318,683 55     |
|                                                                  | <hr/>          |
|                                                                  | \$3,954,580 31 |

The gross amount of actual Payments from the General Treasury, during the same period was as follows :

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| On City Account,   | 3,393,808 07 |
| On County Account, | 134,045 00   |
|                    | <hr/>        |

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Total Payments, | 3,527,853 07 |
|-----------------|--------------|

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance per Treasurer's Account, } | <hr/>        |
| 30th April, 1854, }                | \$426,727 24 |
|                                    | <hr/> <hr/>  |

## GENERAL AGGREGATES.

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Of the whole amount of Expenditures for the year, there was drawn for by the Mayor, through the Auditor's Office, after the same had been previously authorised and approved by the Committee on Accounts, the sum of 2,595,774 05

*The following sums were paid by the Treasurer on accounts and requisitions which do not pass through the Auditor's Office, and are not drawn for by the Mayor, viz :*

### TEMPORARY CITY LOANS.

|                                                                                                                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount of Loans obtained for City purposes, in anticipation of Taxes, during this financial year, and repaid before the close of the same, | 291,800 00 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|

### COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,

|                                                              |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| On orders and requisitions from the Board of County Accounts |            |
| and other County authorities,                                | 106,265 52 |

### INTEREST.

|                                                          |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Payments of interest on the City Debt, as it became due, | 124,544 71 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|

### MILITARY BOUNTY MONEY.

|                                                                                                                        |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Payments on Roll and Requisitions from the Adjutant General of the State, approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, | 11,528 50 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|

|                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| OLD CLAIMS, audited and allowed in previous years, | 4,553 02 |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| WATER WORKS, balance due last year, | 70 24 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|

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|                          |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Amounts carried forward, | \$538,761 99 | 2,595,774 05 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|

*Amounts brought forward,*      \$538,761 99 2,595,774 05

OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Amount of Drafts drawn by the  
Auditor for notes due in pre-  
vious years, but not presented  
at the Treasury for payment  
till this year, viz :

|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| On account of City   |           |           |
| Debt,                | 21,903 39 |           |
| On acc't of Tempora- |           |           |
| ry Water Loans,      | 15,000 00 |           |
| On account of Water  |           |           |
| Scrip,               | 2,000 00  |           |
|                      | <hr/>     | 38,903 39 |

INTEREST AND DISCOUNTS.

On the Temporary, and on the  
Permanent Water Loans, as  
they became due, all of which  
are chargeable to the Water  
Works,

268,714 62

STATE TAX for the year 1853,      98,691 00

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945,071 00

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3,540,845 05

*Deduct amount of Drafts drawn by the Auditor this  
year, but not presented at the Treasury for payment  
at the time of closing up these accounts, viz :*

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Bills and accounts,        | 5,291 98 |
| City Debt, due in 1853-54, | 6,700 00 |
| Water Scrip;      do       | 1,000 00 |

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12,991 98

Total,      \$3,527,853 07

Which is the amount of the payments by the  
Treasurer, as per his accounts, viz :

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| On City account,   | 3,393,808 07 |
| On County Account, | 134,045 00   |

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\$3,527,853 07

## TREASURER'S BALANCE.

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The Treasurer's Balance at the close of the year 1853-54, which amounts to \$426,727.24, is made up of the following items, viz :

|                                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| The balance at the commencement of the year was | 318,683 55 |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| The amount borrowed during the year was | 944,118 00 |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| The amount of Debt paid off was | 420,283 34 |
|                                 | 523,834 66 |

*Add*, Amount received to the credit of the Sinking Fund, viz :

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| On Bonds and Mortgages, | 259,844 70 |
| Cash for Land Sales,    | 3,191 67   |
|                         | 263,036 37 |

1,105,554 58

From which there has been paid the following items, outstanding last year, viz :

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| On account of the City Debt, | 21,903 39 |
| Temporary Water Loan,        | 15,000 00 |
| Public Lands,                | 6,410 47  |
| Water Scrip,                 | 2,000 00  |
| Library Trust Fund,          | 1,260 66  |
| Balance due Water Works,     | 70 24     |

46,644 76

*Also*, Notes given on account of Temporary Water Loans, 463,715 00

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Water Scrip, | 76,000 00  |
|              | 539,715 00 |

|                                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i> | \$586,359 76 | 1,105,554 58 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|

|                                 |                  |                     |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i> | \$586,359 76     | 1,105,554 58        |
| Payments on account of          |                  |                     |
| Public Lands,                   | 32,308 84        |                     |
| <i>Less, Loans</i>              |                  |                     |
| authorized, 25,000 00           |                  |                     |
| Rec'd as above, 6,410 47        |                  |                     |
|                                 | <u>31,410 47</u> |                     |
|                                 |                  | 898 37              |
| Advanced in anticipation of au- |                  |                     |
| thorized Loans,                 | 91,569 21        |                     |
|                                 | <u>        </u>  | 678,827 34          |
| Balance as on page 121,         |                  | <u>\$426,727 24</u> |

This Balance is applicable to the following  
Payments, viz :

Notes overdue and Interest stopped, viz :

|                                          |                  |                     |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| On account of                            |                  |                     |
| City Debt,                               | 8,700 00         |                     |
| Temporary Water Loan,                    | 2,000 00         |                     |
| Water Scrip,                             | 1,000 00         |                     |
| Balance to Water Works,                  | 31,966 34        |                     |
|                                          | <u>43,666 34</u> |                     |
| <i>Less, Balance due from Public</i>     |                  |                     |
| Lands,                                   | 898 37           |                     |
|                                          | <u>        </u>  | 42,767 97           |
| To the Sinking Fund, or Committee on the |                  |                     |
| Reduction of City Debt,                  |                  | 383,959 27          |
|                                          |                  | <u>\$426,727 24</u> |

|                                       |   |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Besides the above Balance of          |   | 383,959 27          |
| There is due to the Sinking Fund, for | } |                     |
| which Loans are authorized, and will  |   | 268,642 55          |
| be negotiated as soon as needed,      |   |                     |
|                                       |   | <u>\$652,601 82</u> |

## SINKING FUND.

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The following amounts were received during the year, on account of the Sinking Fund ; which items are, by the 9th section of the ordinance on Finance, required to be placed every year to the credit of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, viz :

### BONDS AND MORTGAGES.

|                                                            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount paid in on this account, as per details on page 98, | 259,844 70 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|

### LAND SALES.

|                                                                              |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount of Cash received this year, on this account, per details on page 105, | 3,191 67 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

|                                                                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| ANNUAL APPROPRIATION from the City Taxes, as required by ordinance, | 59,000 00 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|

### SURPLUS.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Being the Cash Balance remaining in the Treasury at the close of this year, arising from the excess of the ordinary income over the <i>estimated</i> income, and of the appropriations over the payments on account of the ordinary Expenditures of the year for City purposes, as per statement on page 18, | 157,343 79 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|

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|  |              |
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|  | \$479,380 16 |
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## CITY DEBT.

The existing City Debt, *Exclusive of the Water Loans*, amounts to \$2,367,594 21, and it will be due and payable as follows:

|                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| At the decease of a certain individual,                | 20,000 00  |
| Permanent Loans for the benefit of the Public Library, | 61,000 00  |
| In the financial year,                                 |            |
| 1854-55,                                               | 659,213 00 |
| 1855-56,                                               | 10,100 00  |
| 1856-57,                                               | 27,850 00  |
| 1857-58,                                               | 2,000 00   |
| 1859-60,                                               | 62,800 00  |
| 1860-61,                                               | 123,800 00 |
| 1861-62,                                               | 181,592 00 |
| 1862-63,                                               | 4,500 00   |
| 1863-64,                                               | 20,625 00  |
| 1865-66,                                               | 5,166 66   |
| 1872-73,                                               | 6,000 00   |
| 1873-74,                                               | 9,000 00   |
| 1877-78,                                               | 70,000 00  |
| 1878-79,                                               | 583,205 00 |
| 1882-83,                                               | 150,000 00 |
| 1883-84,                                               | 100,000 00 |
| On Demand,                                             | 2,100 00   |

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Funded Debt, | \$2,098,951 66 |
|--------------|----------------|

|                                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance due the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, payable when needed; and which the Treasurer is authorized to borrow, by various orders of the City Council, passed during this financial year, | 268,642 55 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|

|                                           |                       |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total of the City Debt, 30th April, 1854, | <u>\$2,367,594 21</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|

The average Annual Interest on the above Debt is a little over  $4\frac{9}{16}$  per cent., viz :

|    |                                         |           |
|----|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| On | 588,518 00 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., | 26,483 31 |
|    | 1,658,476 21 at 5 per cent.,            | 82,923 81 |
|    | 120,600 00 at 6 per cent.,              | 7,236 00  |

|                       |             |                     |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <u>\$2,367,594 21</u> | at 4.926 is | <u>\$116,643 12</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|

## CHARACTER OF THE CITY DEBT.

Exclusive of the WATER DEBT, as it stood at the close of the financial year 1853-54, viz: *on the 30th day of April, 1854.*

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Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of the 25th Decémbér, 1825, for the purchase of an Estate for the improvement of Court Street.

*Payable at the decease of a person having a life interest in the Estate,* 20,000 00

Balance of 6 per cent. Stock issued on account of the erection of Faneuil Hall Market House and the improvements connected therewith.

*Payable in the financial year 1854-55,* 40,000 00

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 19th May, 1834, authorizing a loan for the purposes of that financial year.

*Payable in the financial year 1854-55,* 64,000 00

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 6th Octóber, 1834, authorizing a loan for the erection of the House of Reformation at South Boston.

*Payable in the financial year 1854-55,* 18,000 00

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 3d January, 1835, authorizing a loan to meet certain deficiencies of Appropriations.

*Payable in the financial year 1854-55,* 9,100 00

*Amount carried forward,* \$151,100 00

|                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                      | \$151,100 00       |
| Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 26th January, 1835, authorizing a loan to redeem other portions of the City Debt.                                                           |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 394,000 00         |
| Balance of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 23d February, 1835, authorizing a loan for the erection of the new Court House.                                                              |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 12,000 00          |
| Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 27th April, 1835, authorizing a loan on account of the expense of laying out Blackstone Street, and extending Commercial and Broad Streets. |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 56,000 00          |
| Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 27th April, 1835, authorizing a loan to defray, in part, the expenses of the financial year 1835-36.                                        |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 10,000 00          |
| Amount of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of the 6th June, 1839, authorizing a loan for the purchase of certain Estates on School Street, in front of the City Hall.                      |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1859-60,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 48,500 00          |
| Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 28th April, 1840, authorizing a loan to defray, in part, the expenses of the financial year 1840-41.                                        |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1860-61,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 5,000 00           |
| Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 15th April, 1844, authorizing a loan of \$30,000, to defray the expense of widening Fleet Street.                                           |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1865-66,</i>                                                                                                                                                       | 5,166 66           |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                      | <hr/> \$681,766 66 |

*Amount brought forward,* \$681,766 66

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 29th December, 1845, authorizing a loan of \$40,000 to defray the expense of widening Richmond Street.

*Payable in the financial year 1856-57,* 500 00

Balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 3d of November, 1848, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$275,000, to meet the cost of building a new Jail.

*Payable as follows :*

|                         |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| 1854-55, at 6 per cent. | 1,000 00 |  |
| 1859-60, at 5 per cent. | 3,300 00 |  |
|                         | 4,300 00 |  |

Balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 15th of October, 1849, authorizing a loan of \$50,000, for the improvement of the Neck Lands, and filling up the Flats.

*Payable as follows : in the financial year,*

|                         |           |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1859-60, at 6 per cent. | 10,000 00 |  |
| 1862-63, at 5 per cent. | 3,000 00  |  |
|                         | 13,000 00 |  |

Balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 18th of April, 1850, authorizing an additional loan of \$207,000, for the purpose of building the new Jail.

*Payable as follows : in the financial year,*

|                         |            |  |
|-------------------------|------------|--|
| 1855-56, at 5 per cent. | 1,100 00   |  |
| 1856-57, at 5 per cent. | 8,100 00   |  |
| 1860-61, at 5 per cent. | 114,800 00 |  |
|                         | 124,000 00 |  |

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of July 1, 1850, authorizing a loan of \$50,000, for improvement of the Public Lands, and filling up the South Bay.

*Payable in the financial year 1860-61,* 4,000 00

|                                |  |              |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> |  | \$827,566 66 |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|

*Amount brought forward,* \$827,566 66

Balance of Stock issued under the Order of 11th of July, 1850, authorizing a loan of \$105,000, for completing the New Alms House at Deer Island.

*Payable as follows : in the financial year,*

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1854-55, at 5 per cent. | 2,000 |
| 1855-56, at 5 per cent. | 2,000 |
| 1856-57, at 5 per cent. | 2,000 |
| 1861-62, at 5 per cent. | 750   |

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6,750 00

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 3d of January, 1851, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for the improvement of the Public Lands and filling up the South Bay.

*Payable in the financial year 1855-56,* 3,000 00

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 6th February, 1851, authorizing a loan of \$12,000, for furnishing the New Alms House at Deer Island.

*Payable in the financial year 1856-57,* 2,000 00

Balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 7th of July, 1851, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for filling up the South Bay and improvement of the Public Lands.

*Payable as follows : in the financial year,*

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| 1854-55, at 6 per cent. | 5,000 00 |
| 5 per cent.             | 500 00   |
| 1861-62, at 5 per cent. | 6,300 00 |
| 1863-64, at 5 per cent. | 5,625 00 |

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17,425 00

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 8th of December, 1851, authorizing a loan to meet in part the amount of Debt (\$344,384 45) maturing in that financial year.

*Amount carried forward,* \$856,741 66

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*Amount brought forward,* \$856,741 66

*Payable as follows: in the financial years,*

|          |           |            |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1854-55, | 9,600 00  |            |
| 1855-56, | 1,000 00  |            |
| 1856-57, | 15,250 00 |            |
| 1859-60, | 1,000 00  |            |
| 1861-62, | 84,542 00 |            |
|          | <hr/>     | 111,392 00 |

Amount of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 19th February, 1852, authorizing the Investment of the Bigelow Donation to the Public Library, *payable to the Chairman of the Committee on the Public Library for the time being,* 1,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 1st March, 1852, authorizing a loan not exceeding \$71,500—to be added to the appropriations of that financial year.

*Payable in the financial years, viz.*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1854-55, | 30,700 00 |           |
| 1861-62, | 40,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 70,700 00 |

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 1st of March, 1852, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for the purpose of filling up the South Bay, and other improvements of the Public Lands.

*Payable in the financial years, viz.*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1854-55, | 2,000 00  |           |
| 1855-56, | 3,000 00  |           |
| 1861-62, | 34,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 39,000 00 |

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 26th of April, 1852, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$16,700, to be added to the appropriations for the year 1851-52.

*Payable in the financial year, 1861-62,* 16,000 00

*Amount carried forward,* 

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\$1,094,833 66



*Amount brought forward,* \$1,094,833 66

Amount of Stock issued under the Order of 27th September, 1852, authorizing a loan for the purpose of rebuilding the Boylston School House.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1862-63, at 6 per cent. | 1,500 00  |
| 1863-64, at 5 per cent. | 1,000 00  |
| 1882-83, at 5 per cent. | 20,000 00 |
| On demand 6 per cent.   | 1,500 00  |

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24,000 00

Amount of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 4th of October, 1852, authorizing an additional loan to complete the improvements on the Public Lands and South Bay.

*Investment of the BATES Donation to the Public Library.—Payable to the Mayor of the City for the time being,*

50,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 8th November, 1852, authorizing a loan for \$3,150, for building a wharf on the City Water Lot on Condor Street, East Boston.

*Payable in the financial year 1863-64,*

3,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 12th November, 1852, authorizing a loan to be added to the appropriation for Paving.

*Payable in the financial year 1882-83,*

40,000 00

Amount of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 14th of February, 1853, for the purpose of building a new Workshop and Chapel at the House of Correction.

*Investment of the PHILLIPS Donation to the Public Library.—Payable to the Mayor of the City for the time being,*

10,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 13th December, 1852, authorizing

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$1,221,833 66

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,221,833 66

a loan to be added to the appropriation for  
Internal Health.

*Payable in the financial year, 1882-83,* 22,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the  
Order of 17th December, 1852, authorizing  
a loan to be added to the appropriation for  
the Common.

*Payable in the financial year 1882-83,* 5,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the  
Order of 27th December, 1852, authorizing  
a loan to be added to the appropriation for  
Paving.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1857-58, | 1,000 00  |           |
| 1882-83, | 33,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 34,000 00 |

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the  
Order of 27th December, 1852, authorizing  
a loan for paying off in part the City Debt  
becoming due in the financial year 1852-53.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1863-64, | 6,000 00  |           |
| 1877-78, | 20,000 00 |           |
| 1882-83, | 10,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 36,000 00 |

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the  
Order of 7th February, 1853, authorizing  
a loan to be added to the appropriation for  
Incidental Expenses.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1857-58, | 1,000 00  |           |
| 1872-73, | 6,000 00  |           |
| 1877-78, | 10,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 17,000 00 |

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the  
Order of 28th February, 1853, authorizing

*Amount carried forward,* \$1,335,833 66

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,335,833 66

a loan of \$48,500, to be added to the annual appropriations for 1852-3.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1863-64, | 2,000 00  |           |
| 1882-83, | 20,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 22,000 00 |

Amount of Stock issued under the Order of 3d March, 1853, authorizing a loan to meet in part the amount of \$810,900 of City Debt due in the financial year 1854-55.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|                                      |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1878-79, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. | 583,205 00 |            |
| 1883-84, at 5 per cent.              | 17,000 00  |            |
|                                      | <hr/>      | 600,205 00 |

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of April 1st, 1853, authorizing a loan to be added to the annual appropriation for 1852-53.

*Payable in the financial year, 1877-78,* 40,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 18th July, 1853, authorizing a loan for the improvement of the Public Lands, and filling up the South Bay.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1873-74, | 3,000 00  |           |
| 1883-84, | 10,000 00 |           |
|          | <hr/>     | 13,000 00 |

Amount of Stock issued under the Order of 25th July, 1853, authorizing a loan for the erection of a new Primary School House, Ward Room and Engine House in Warren Street, Ward 9.

*Payable in the financial years, viz :*

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1863-64, at 5 per cent.  | 3,000 00 |          |
| 1873-74, at 5 per cent.  | 3,000 00 |          |
| On demand at 6 per cent. | 600 00   |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | 6,600 00 |

*Amount carried forward,* \$2,017,638 66

*Amount brought forward,* \$2,017,638 66

Amount of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 19th September, 1853, authorizing a loan to pay for Land for the above named House.

*Payable in the financial year, 1854-55,* 5,313 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of the 10th October, 1853, authorizing a loan for the purchase of a Site on Boylston Street, for the Public Library.

*Payable in the financial year, 1883-84,* 73,000 00

Amount of 5 per cent. Stock issued under the Order of 10th October, 1853, for an addition to the appropriation for Gas Fixtures for Street Lamps.

*Payable in the financial year, 1873-74,* 3,000 00

Total amount of the Funded Debt, *exclusive of the Water Debt*, as it stood 30th April, 1854, \$2,098,951 66

To which is to be added an amount borrowed temporarily of the Sinking Fund, or Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, which when wanted will be furnished from funds to be obtained on loans already authorized, but not yet negotiated—say

268,642 55

Total amount of the City Debt, *exclusive of the Water Debt*, as it stood on the 30th April, 1854, \$2,367,594 21

## CONSOLIDATED DEBT.

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The CONSOLIDATED DEBT of the City,  
on the 30th April, 1854, amounted to \$7,415,896 05

And is made up of the following items, viz :

Funded and Unfunded Debt, on  
account of the City, as per  
Statement on page 127, 2,367,594 21

To meet which there is a cash  
balance in the Treasury, ex-  
clusively applicable to this  
purpose, as per Statement on  
page 125, amounting to 383,959 27

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Net City Debt, 1,983,634 94

Water Debt, as per Statement on page 144, 5,432,261 11

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\$7,415,896 05

## CITY DEBT PAID OFF IN 1853-54.

The following Statement shows the amount of

### CITY DEBT PAID OFF,

During the financial year 1853-54, and the character of the same, (*exclusive of the Water Debt*); being all the City Debt that became due in that year,—*plus One Hundred and Sixty-one Thousand Dollars, (\$161,000,)* paid before it became due.

Part of balance of 6 per cent. Stock, issued on account of the erection of Faneuil Hall Market House, and the improvements connected therewith.

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i> | 45,000 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|

Part of balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 19th May, 1834, authorizing a loan for the purposes of that financial year.

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i> | 27,000 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|

Part of balance of 5 per cent Stock, issued under the order of 26th January, 1835, authorizing a loan to redeem other portions of the City Debt.

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i> | 60,000 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|

Part of balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 23d February, 1835, authorizing a loan for the erection of the New Court House.

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55</i> | 18,000 00 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|

Balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 27th April, 1835, authorizing a

*Amount carried forward,*

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
|  | \$150,000 00 |
|--|--------------|



|                                                                                                                                                                                |           |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                 |           | \$150,000 00 |
| loan to defray, in part, the expense of the financial year 1835-36.                                                                                                            |           |              |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1854-55,</i>                                                                                                                                  |           | 5,000 00     |
| Amount of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 21st July, 1845, for the purpose of erecting the New Jail.                                                              |           |              |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                  |           | 6,833 34     |
| Balance of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 21st September, 1847, authorizing a loan to defray the expense of Widening Commercial Street, at the Marine Railway.   |           |              |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                  |           | 3,500 00     |
| Balance of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 17th April, 1848, authorizing a loan of \$50,000, to meet, in part, the annual appropriations for that financial year. |           |              |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                  |           | 31,900 00    |
| Balance of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 22d June, 1848, for the purchase of an Estate on Cambridge Street, for the purpose of Widening said street.            |           |              |
| <i>Payable in the financial year,</i>                                                                                                                                          |           |              |
| 1853-54,                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,200 00  |              |
| 1855-56,                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,000 00  |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |           | 8,200 00     |
| Amount of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 23d of October, 1848, to pay for the purchase of the Great Brewster Island, in Boston Harbor.                           |           |              |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                  |           | 4,000 00     |
| Part of balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 3d November, 1848, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$275,000, to meet the cost of building the New Jail.     |           |              |
| <i>Payable as follows:—</i>                                                                                                                                                    |           |              |
| 1853-54, at 6 per cent.                                                                                                                                                        | 49,100 00 |              |
| at 5 per cent.                                                                                                                                                                 | 500 00    |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |           | 49,600 00    |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                 |           | \$259,033 34 |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |          |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                  |          | \$259,033 34       |
| Balance of 6 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 11th December, 1848, authorizing a loan not exceeding \$100,000, for the purposes of that financial year.                                               |          |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |          | 78,600 00          |
| Part of balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 15th of October, 1849, authorizing a loan of \$50,000, for the improvements of the Neck Lands, and filling up the flats.                                    |          |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year,</i>                                                                                                                                                                           |          |                    |
| 1853-54, at 5 per cent.                                                                                                                                                                                         | 4,250 00 |                    |
| 1854-55, at 5 per cent.                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,000 00 |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <hr/>    | 5,250 00           |
| Part of balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 18th April, 1850, authorizing an additional loan of \$207,000, for the purpose of building the New Jail.                                                    |          |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year,</i>                                                                                                                                                                           |          |                    |
| 1853-54, at 5 per cent.                                                                                                                                                                                         |          | 21,000 00          |
| Part of balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 11th of July, 1850, authorizing a loan of \$105,000, for completing the New Alms House, at Deer Island.                                                     |          |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year,</i>                                                                                                                                                                           |          |                    |
| 1853-54, at 5 per cent.                                                                                                                                                                                         |          | 6,400 00           |
| Part of balance of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 3d of January, 1851, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for the improvement of Public Lands, and filling up the South Bay. |          |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |          | 2,000 00           |
| Part of balance of Stock, issued under the Order of 7th of July, 1851, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for filling up the South Bay, and improvements of the Public Lands.              |          |                    |
| <i>Payable in the financial year 1853-54,</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |          | 11,000 00          |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                  |          | <hr/> \$383,283 34 |

*Amount brought forward,* \$383,283 34

Part of balance of 5 per cent stock, issued under the Order of 8th of December, 1851, authorizing a loan to meet in part the amount of Debt, (\$344,384 45,) maturing in that financial year.

|                                         |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>• Payable in the financial year,</i> |           |           |
| 1853-54,                                | 32,700 00 |           |
| 1854-55,                                | 500 00    |           |
|                                         |           | 33,200 00 |

Part of amount of 5 per cent. Stock, issued under the Order of 1st March, 1852, authorizing a loan to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for the purpose of filling up the South Bay, and other improvements of Public Lands.

|                                       |           |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Payable in the financial year,</i> |           |           |
| 1853-54,                              | 10,000 00 |           |
| 1854-55,                              | 500 00    |           |
|                                       |           | 10,500 00 |

|                                     |   |              |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Amount drawn for by the Auditor and | } |              |
| charged on page 31,                 | } | \$426,983 34 |

# OBJECTS OF THE CITY DEBT,

*As it stood 30th of April, 1854.*

The present City Debt, (*exclusive of the Water Debt*,) appears to have been contracted on orders for the following purposes, viz :

|                                                                       |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Old Debts—Renewal of,                                                 | \$1,141,869 55 |
| Ordinary Expenditures,                                                | 579,300 00     |
| New Jail,                                                             | 128,300 00     |
| Public Lands,                                                         | 151,425 00     |
| Library—Sites for a new Building—one of<br>which has been resold,     | 107,720 00     |
| Street Widening,                                                      | 81,666 66      |
| Squares in School Street, front of City Hall,                         | 48,500 00      |
| Faneuil Hall Market,                                                  | 40,000 00      |
| Boylston School House,                                                | 24,000 00      |
| House of Industry and House of Reformation,<br>at South Boston,       | 18,000 00      |
| Court House, Court Street,                                            | 12,000 00      |
| Ward Room and Engine House, in New Pri-<br>mary School House, Ward 9, | 11,913 00      |
| House of Correction—New Work Shop and<br>Chapel,                      | 10,000 00      |
| New Alms House, Deer Island,                                          | 8,750 00       |
| Wharf Lot, at East Boston,                                            | 3,150 00       |
| Bigelow Library Trust Fund,*                                          | 1,000 00       |
|                                                                       | <hr/>          |
|                                                                       | \$2,367,594 21 |

\* *The Bates Library Fund, \$50,000, and the Phillips Library Fund, \$10,000, were invested under orders authorizing loans for City purposes, while the Bigelow Fund was invested on a special order.*

## INCREASE OF THE CITY DEBT,

*Exclusive of what has been incurred on account of the  
Water Debt.*

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|                                                                     |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 May, 1852. The amount of the funded Debt on the 30th April, 1852. |                |
| <i>Per Report No. 40, page 113, was</i>                             | \$1,901,456 44 |
| The Cash means on hand, applicable to the payment of this Debt.     |                |
| <i>Per Statement on page 112, was</i>                               | 11,312 55      |
| Net Debt,                                                           | \$1,890,143 89 |
|                                                                     |                |
| 1 May, 1853. The amount of the funded Debt on the 30th April, 1853. |                |
| <i>Per Report 41, page 119, was</i>                                 | 1,581,817 00   |
| Amount of unfunded Debt,                                            | 304,642 55     |
| Total Debt, with no cash means,                                     | 1,886,459 55   |
| Actual reduction in 1852-53,                                        | \$ 3,684 34    |
|                                                                     |                |
| 1 May, 1854. The amount of the funded Debt on the 30th April, 1854. |                |
| <i>Per Statement on page 127, is</i>                                | 2,098,951 66   |
| Amount of unfunded Debt,                                            | 268,642 55     |
|                                                                     | 2,367,594 21   |
| Cash means.                                                         |                |
| <i>Per Statement on page 125,</i>                                   | 383,959 27     |
|                                                                     |                |
| Net Debt 1 May, 1854,                                               | 1,983,634 94   |
| Net Debt 1 May, 1853, as stated above,                              | 1,886,459 55   |
| Increase in 1853-54,                                                | \$ 97,175 39   |
| Excess over 1852-53,                                                | 93,491 05      |

In this increase of Debt is included the amount paid for the Sites for a new Building for the PUBLIC LIBRARY, viz: \$34,720 for the Lot on Somerset Street, which has been resold at cost and interest, but is not yet paid for; and \$73,000 for the Lot on Boylston Street.

## WATER DEBT.

In addition to the City Debt, as herein stated, there has been borrowed on account of the WATER WORKS, the following sums of money, viz :

On the issue of BOSTON WATER SCRIP, authorized by Legislative acts of 30th March, 1846, and 1st of May, 1849, viz :

On Bonds of *One thousand Dollars* each, payable in Boston, to the amount of 3,276,000 00

On *Sterling Bonds*, bearing interest at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to the amount of £400,000 in sums of £100, £200 and £500, each, payable in London, for which we have realized here, including Exchange, 1,949,711 11

Total on Water Scrip, \$5,225,711 11

Balance due on TEMPORARY WATER LOANS, being amounts borrowed, temporarily, on City Notes in the usual form, payable at various times, in anticipation of the issue of Water Scrip on terms satisfactory to the City, 206,500 00

Making the total Debt, permanent and temporary, incurred on account of the Water Works up to the 1st of May, 1854, } \$5,432,261 11

The PERMANENT LOANS, or those on Boston Water Scrip become due as follows :

*In the financial year*

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1854-55,                | 9,000 00     |
| 1855-56,                | 75,000 00    |
| 1856-57,                | 198,000 00   |
| 1857-58,                | 316,000 00   |
| 1858-59,                | 200,000 00   |
| 1859-60,                | 808,000 00   |
| 1860-61,                | 420,000 00   |
| 1861-62,                | 449,000 00   |
| 1862-63,                | 20,000 00    |
| 1867-68,                | 51,000 00    |
| 1870-71,                | 730,000 00   |
| Sterling Bonds 1872-73, | 1,949,711 11 |

*Amount carried forward,* 5,225,711 11



*Amount brought forward,* \$5,225,711 11

The Interest on the above amount is as follows, viz.:

|                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| On \$2,759,000 00 at 5 per ct.         | 137,950 00 |
| 14,000 00 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per ct.    | 770 00     |
| 503,000 00 at 6 per ct.                | 30,180 00  |
| 1,949,711 11 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per ct. | 87,737 00  |

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Total, \$5,225,711 11,—av. 4.91, \$256,637 00

The TEMPORARY WATER LOANS become due as follows:

*In the financial year*

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| 1854-55, | 20,300 00  |
| 1855-56, | 5,000 00   |
| 1856-57, | 1,000 00   |
| 1858-59, | 170,500 00 |
| 1859-60, | 2,250 00   |
| 1860-61, | 6,000 00   |
| 1861-62, | 1,500 00   |

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Total of Temporary Loans,\* 206,550 00

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\$5,432,261 11

\*Of which \$181,500 bears interest at 6 per ct. 10,890 00  
 and 25,050 bears interest at 5 per ct. 1,252 50

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\$206,550,—average 5.878 per ct. \$12,142 50

Total amount of Permanent and Temporary }  
 Water Debt, as above, \$5,432,261 11

The average annual Interest on which is 4.966 per ct.

## REDUCTION OF THE CITY DEBT.

By the Eighth Section of the Ordinance on Finance (*R. O. page 122,*) the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Finance on the part of the Common Council, are constituted THE COMMITTEE ON THE REDUCTION OF THE CITY DEBT, whose duty it is to cause all moneys passed to their credit in the Books of the Auditor of Accounts, to be applied to the purchase or payment of the Capital of the Debt of the City, in the manner they may, from time to time, deem expedient; and it is the duty of the Auditor and of the Treasurer of the City, to conform to all orders in writing, in this respect, which shall be made and signed by all the members of said Committee.

The *Ninth* Section of said Ordinance requires that "all balances of money remaining in the Treasury at the end of any financial year; all receipts in money on account of the sale of real estate of any description, now belonging, or which may hereafter belong to the City; all receipts on account of the principal sum of any bond or note now owned, or which may hereafter be owned by the City; and also of the Annual City Tax in every future year, a sum that shall not be less than three per centum of the amount of the principal of the City Debt, (and never less than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in each year) shall be appropriated to the payment, or the purchase of the Capital of the City Debt."

The *Tenth* Section of the said Ordinance makes it the duty of the Auditor, annually to pass to the credit of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, all receipts in money, the proceeds of either of the sources before mentioned, and the said amount out of the *Annual Tax*; and provides that the sums so passed to the credit of said Committee shall be drawn from the Treasury of the City for the

payment, or the purchase of the Capital of the City Debt, in the manner before mentioned, *and in no other mode, and for no other purpose whatsoever.*

The annexed statement of the account with the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, will show what payments have been made on that account this year, in conformity with the provisions of the Ordinance; and what amount remained to the credit of the Committee at the close of the financial year 1853-54.



*City Debt, for the Financial year 1853-54,*

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|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1854.     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |
| April 30. | By this amount of the Annual Taxes specifically appropriated to the reduction of the City Debt, in conformity with the 9th Section of the Ordinance on Finance, which requires that not less than 3 per cent. of the amount of the Debt, and never less than \$50,000, shall be annually appropriated to this object, | \$59,000 00                |
|           | By amount of Cash received on account of Sales of Real Estate, <i>as per details on page 105,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3,191 67                   |
|           | By amount of Cash received for first Instalment on lands sold this year, and for payments made on the principal of the Bonds and Mortgages which were on hand at the commencement of the year, <i>as per details on page 98,</i>                                                                                      | 259,844 70                 |
|           | By Excess of the Cash <i>Income</i> this year over the <i>Estimated</i> Income from the ordinary sources of City Revenue—less the Excess of Cash Payments over the appropriations — <i>as per statement on page 18,</i>                                                                                               | 157,343 79                 |
|           | By this amount borrowed under the order of 3d of March, 1853, authorizing a loan to assist in paying off that portion of the City Debt, (\$810,900,) which becomes due in the financial year 1854-55,                                                                                                                 | 600,205 00                 |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <hr/> \$1,079,585 16 <hr/> |
| 1854.     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |
| April 30. | By Balance as above,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$652,601 82               |

Which amount is exclusively appropriated to the redemption of the City Debt—as is also the amount of Bonds and Mortgages on hand, amounting to \$759,256 18; and all the Public Lands.

## APPENDIX.

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### HOUSES OF INDUSTRY, REFORMATION, &c., AND ESTABLISHMENT AT DEER ISLAND.

Account of Expenditures of these Establishments for the  
financial year 1853-54.

*These statements are made up after the transfer of the inmates of the South Boston Branch to Deer Island, which was completed early in December; leaving on the 31st of March at South Boston, only the House of Reformation and Boylston Asylum for Boys, and the few assistants needed for the domestic service of these Establishments. This will explain in part the increased Expenditure at Deer Island, and the relative diminution of that at South Boston.*

#### SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH,

*Which includes also the BOYLSTON ASYLUM,—an institution for the Support and Education of Poor Boys, mostly orphans in whole or in part, who are placed there by their friends or relatives, with a view of having them taken care of and prepared for some useful trade or occupation. The average number thus supported the past year was 139, whose ages varied from 7 to 14. This School is, to a considerable extent, self-supporting, the Teachers being paid from a fund given for that object; while the productive labor of the boys is an item worthy of estimation.*

#### *Provisions.*

|                                |   |   |   |   |             |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Flour, Crackers and Meal,      | - | - | - | - | \$5,781 23  |
| Beef, Mutton and Pork,         | - | - | - | - | 4,770 20    |
| Codfish and Mackerel,          | - | - | - | - | 375 68      |
| Potatoes, Beans and Peas,      | - | - | - | - | 709 59      |
| Butter, Cheese, Eggs and Lard, | - | - | - | - | 796 20      |
| Milk,                          | - | - | - | - | 1,592 48    |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> |   |   |   |   | \$14,025 38 |



|                                                                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                        | \$14,025 38 |
| <i>Groceries.</i>                                                                     |             |
| Tea, Coffee and Chocolate, - - - -                                                    | 806 56      |
| Rice, - - - - -                                                                       | 298 31      |
| Sugar, - - - - -                                                                      | 522 70      |
| Molasses, - - - - -                                                                   | 1,005 12    |
| Provisions and Family Stores for Officers, -                                          | 557 22      |
| Tobacco and Snuff, - - - - -                                                          | 101 06      |
| Hospital Stores and Medicines,* - - - -                                               | 454 02      |
| Ice, - - - - -                                                                        | 64 62       |
| Dry Goods and Straw, for Clothing and Bedding, -                                      | 1,647 50    |
| Hats and Caps, - - - - -                                                              | 65 35       |
| Shoes and Shoe Stock, - - - - -                                                       | 1,472 83    |
| Fuel, - - - - -                                                                       | 2,793 37    |
| Oil, - - - - -                                                                        | 337 58      |
| Furniture and repairs, - - - - -                                                      | 92 72       |
| Salaries and Nursing,† - - - - -                                                      | 5,292 77    |
| Excursion of Boylston and Reformation boys,<br>and Singing Master, - - - - -          | 372 92      |
| Carriage hire for Directors and Sunday School<br>Teachers, and Omnibus tickets, - -   | 325 97      |
| Wooden Ware, Mats and Brooms, - - -                                                   | 117 16      |
| Iron, Tin, Hard and Crockery Ware, - -                                                | 244 93      |
| Stoves, Funnel and repairs of Grates, - -                                             | 220 44      |
| Building Materials, Lumber for Coffins, Paints<br>and Oil, and Mechanics' work, - - - | 401 32      |
| Pumps, Water Works, and Plumbing, - -                                                 | 150 73      |
| Postages, Printing, Stationery and School<br>Books, - - - - -                         | 388 34      |
| Soap and House Sand, - - - - -                                                        | 347 36      |
| Wheelwright, Blacksmith and Harness work, -                                           | 154 77      |
| Grain and Meal, - - - - -                                                             | 203 19      |
| Conveying Paupers to House, and investigating<br>settlements, - - - - -               | 182 65      |
| Gratuities to inmates on leaving, - - -                                               | 15 20       |
| Garden Seeds, Tools, Plants and Manure, -                                             | 128 22      |
| New Floors in School Rooms, - - - -                                                   | 214 62      |
| New Windows in Boylston School, and fitting<br>washing and ironing rooms, - - -       | 247 58      |
| Fitting workshop for Boylston School boys, -                                          | 291 03      |
| Removing building for work shop, - -                                                  | 200 00      |
| Underpinning for Workshop, - - -                                                      | 26 62       |
| Removing Gate Keeper's Office, - - -                                                  | 40 00       |
| Masons' work on Shop and Drains, - -                                                  | 161 93      |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                        | \$33,972 09 |

|                                                                             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                              | \$33,972 09 |
| Masons' work on Wash Room, - - -                                            | 14 00       |
| New Desks for Schools, - - -                                                | 424 42      |
| Carting earth to fill under broken Bridge, -                                | 51 00       |
| City of Boston for Water, - - -                                             | 50 00       |
| Board and Lodgings for sundry persons, and aid to discharged Inmates, - - - | 139 49      |
| One Horse, - - - - -                                                        | 190 00      |
|                                                                             | <hr/>       |
|                                                                             | \$34,840 90 |

\* *The Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital has charge of the Medical Department of all the City Institutions at South Boston, but they are charged with no part of his Salary, it being included in the City account, under the head of Salaries.*

† *In addition to the Salaries as here stated, the Salary of the Chaplain of the House of Industry, being \$500; and that of the Teachers and Assistants in the Boylston School, being \$968, are paid from the BOYLSTON and MASON FUNDS, which are held in trust by, and are under the exclusive control of the OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.*

#### DEER ISLAND BRANCH.

##### *Provisions.*

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Flour, Crackers and Meal, - - -         | \$10,313 11 |
| Beef, Pork and Mutton, - - -            | 7,079 39    |
| Salt and fresh Fish and Mackerel, - - - | 972 86      |
| Potatoes, Beans and Peas, - - -         | 696 78      |
| Butter, Lard, Eggs and Cheese, - - -    | 827 72      |
| Salt, Vinegar and Pepper, - - -         | 153 20      |
| Milk, - - - - -                         | 3,978 72    |

##### *Groceries.*

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Tea, Coffee and Chocolate, - - -             | 1,726 31 |
| Sugar, - - - - -                             | 1,094 16 |
| Molasses, - - - - -                          | 901 30   |
| Rice, - - - - -                              | 538 44   |
| Provisions and Family Stores for Officers, - | 1,465 57 |
| Tobacco and Snuff, - - - - -                 | 245 74   |

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$29,993 30 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|

|                                                                                 |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                  | \$29,993 30 |
| Dry Goods for Clothing and Bedding, - -                                         | 4,128 83    |
| Straw, - - - - -                                                                | 250 46      |
| Shoes, Shoe Stock and Tools, - - -                                              | 1,944 65    |
| Soap and Soap Stock, - - - -                                                    | 1,113 12    |
| Iron, Tin, Hard and Crockery Ware, - -                                          | 1,864 63    |
| Wooden Ware, Combs and Brooms, - -                                              | 381 80      |
| Fuel, - - - - -                                                                 | 5,524 72    |
| Oil, - - - - -                                                                  | 911 44      |
| Furniture and Repairs, - - - -                                                  | 197 55      |
| Postages, Stationery and School Books, -                                        | 251 45      |
| Salaries and Nursing, - - - -                                                   | 5,215 17    |
| Stoves, Funnels, Grates and Boilers, -                                          | 428 60      |
| Medicine and Hospital Stores, - - -                                             | 2,045 28    |
| Land conveyance to Sloop and to Point Shirley,                                  | 259 75      |
| Wheelwright, Blacksmith and Harness Work<br>and Stock, - - - - -                | 408 21      |
| Building Materials, Lumber for Coffins, Pump<br>and Mechanics' work, - - - -    | 1,025 91    |
| Plumbing, Water Closets, &c., - - -                                             | 51 74       |
| Grain and Meal for Stock, - - - -                                               | 1,748 78    |
| Garden Seeds, Plants, Tools, - - -                                              | 177 27      |
| Wages and Board of Sloop's Crew, - -                                            | 1,529 60    |
| One Yoke of Oxen, - - - - -                                                     | 191 14      |
| New Carriage, - - - - -                                                         | 200 00      |
| Ship Chandlery for Sloop, and Repairs, -                                        | 381 75      |
| Paints and Oil, - - - - -                                                       | 506 48      |
| Board and Lodgings for sundry persons and aid<br>to discharged Inmates, - - - - | 98 92       |
| Carriage hire to Point Shirley for Directors, -                                 | 104 97      |
| East Boston Ferry, - - - - -                                                    | 96 76       |
| Repairing Whale Boat, - - - - -                                                 | 20 67       |
| Cement and Stone work for Drains and Vaults,                                    | 155 27      |
| Copper work, Steam Pipe and Cocks and Wheel<br>Rope, - - - - -                  | 120 20      |
| Stock and work on Partitions in New Building,                                   | 315 46      |
| Fire Works for boys, July 4th, - - -                                            | 63 68       |
| Furniture for Superintendent's House, - -                                       | 847 62      |
| Horse keeping for Directors and City Govern-<br>ment, at Point Shirley, - - - - | 104 45      |
| Horsekeeping for Superintendent, in the City,                                   | 65 38       |
| Steam Boat for conveying Inmates from South<br>Boston to Deer Island, - - - -   | 100 00      |
| Stoves, Hardware, &c. for Engineer's House, -                                   | 56 32       |
| Visit of the City and State Governments, -                                      | 150 00      |

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\$63,031 33

## INCOME.

From the SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH of the Establishment.

*Cash collected and paid into the City Treasury, viz :*

|                                                    |   |   |   |   |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|
| For support of Paupers from towns and individuals, | - | - | - | - | 63 08      |
| Cash left by deceased Paupers,                     | - | - | - | - | 24 78      |
| Labor of Boylston boys,                            | - | - | - | - | 761 35     |
| Reformation boys,                                  | - | - | - | - | 1,029 99   |
| Inmates of House of Industry,                      | - | - | - | - | 36 00      |
| Sales of Vegetables, Fruit and Produce of Farm,    | - | - | - | - | 1,815 24   |
| Barrels, Casks and Rags,                           | - | - | - | - | 246 37     |
| Small articles,                                    | - | - | - | - | 34 50      |
| Pork,                                              | - | - | - | - | 902 37     |
| Oakum,                                             | - | - | - | - | 140 06     |
| Mats,                                              | - | - | - | - | 55 08      |
| Two Horses,                                        | - | - | - | - | 123 70     |
| Old Iron,                                          | - | - | - | - | 58 46      |
| Bones,                                             | - | - | - | - | 75 47      |
| Wagon,                                             | - | - | - | - | 55 00      |
|                                                    |   |   |   |   | <hr/>      |
|                                                    |   |   |   |   | \$5,421 45 |
|                                                    |   |   |   |   | <hr/>      |

## INCOME from DEER ISLAND BRANCH.

*Cash collected and paid into the City Treasury, viz :*

|                                                      |   |   |   |   |            |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|
| For Support and Clothing of bonded passengers,       | - | - | - | - | 1,099 04   |
| Support of Paupers of towns and individuals,         | - | - | - | - | 332 98     |
| Sales, viz : Barrels, Casks, Rags, Grease and Bones, | - | - | - | - | 165 22     |
| Goods from Store,                                    | - | - | - | - | 26 21      |
| Pigs,                                                | - | - | - | - | 93 33      |
| One Horse,                                           | - | - | - | - | 77 55      |
| One yoke of Oxen,                                    | - | - | - | - | 190 00     |
| Wagons,                                              | - | - | - | - | 37 48      |
| Barley and Vegetables                                | - | - | - | - | 177 71     |
|                                                      |   |   |   |   | <hr/>      |
|                                                      |   |   |   |   | \$2,199 52 |
|                                                      |   |   |   |   | <hr/>      |

## RECAPITULATION.

## EXPENDITURES, viz :

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| South Boston Branch, | \$34,840 90 |
| Deer Island Branch,  | 63,031 33   |

Total Expenditures by Directors, 97,872 23

Add, amounts paid by Auditor on the New House, and not charged in the Directors' account—*per items on page 44,* 3,379 57

Do. for Fuel and Mattresses, as on page 43, 1,425 02

Total Expenditures, 102,676 82

## INCOME, viz :

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| South Boston Branch, | 5,421 45 |
| Deer Island Branch,  | 2,199 52 |
| From Auditor,        | 13 00    |

7,633 97

95,042 85

Amount received from the Commonwealth for the support of State Paupers, 16,626 72

Net expenditures by the City, \$78,416 13

## NET ANNUAL EXPENSE.

## SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Expenditures, | 34,840 90 |
| Income,       | 5,421 45  |

29,419 45

## DEER ISLAND BRANCH.

|                                                                 |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Expenditures by Directors,                                      | 63,031 33 |
| Fuel and Mattresses by Auditor,<br><i>per items on page 43,</i> | 1,425 02  |

64,456 35

Income by Directors, 2,199 52  
Auditor, 13 00

2,212 52

62,243 83

Amount carried forward, 91,663 28

|                                                                                |           |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                 |           | \$91,663 28        |
| <i>Deduct,</i> amount received from Commonwealth,                              | 16,626 72 |                    |
| Amount in Directors' account, not considered as of ordinary Expenditure,       | 2,418 45  |                    |
| Do. in Auditor's acc't, Coal and Mattresses, page 43,                          | 1,425 02  |                    |
|                                                                                | <hr/>     | 3,843 47           |
|                                                                                |           | <hr/>              |
|                                                                                |           | 20,470 19          |
| Net Expense of carrying on the Institution for the year ending 31 March, 1854, |           | 71,193 09          |
| Add to which the amount received from the Commonwealth,                        |           | 16,626 72          |
|                                                                                |           | <hr/>              |
| Makes a total of                                                               |           | <u>\$87,819 81</u> |

This sum, divided by 1,393, the average number supported through the year, gives for each, \$63 04 per annum, or \$1 21 per week.

#### RESULT OF LABOR on the Farm at Deer Island, for the year 1853-54.

|                                                                                |   |   |   |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------|
| Carrots, Turnips, Beets, Onions, Potatoes, Parsnips and Barley raised,         | - | - | - | 3,550 bushels. |
| Cabbage and Cauliflowers,                                                      | - | - | - | 5,000 heads.   |
| English Hay,                                                                   | - | - | - | 50 tons.       |
| Straw,                                                                         | - | - | - | 8 "            |
| Pigs raised,                                                                   | - | - | - | 125.           |
| Tons of Ice cut from pond and stored,                                          | - | - | - | 300.           |
| 100 Trees set out, costing                                                     | - | - | - | \$100.         |
| Land made and prepared for cultivation, from October, 1852, to February, 1854. |   |   |   |                |
| One Lot of about 750,000 square feet.                                          |   |   |   |                |
| One do of about 300,000                                                        |   |   |   | "              |

#### *Stock on Farm March 31, 1854.*

7 Cows, 4 Working Oxen, 4 Horses, 1 Bull, 1 Yearling.

#### *Stock remaining in the Store, March 31, 1854.*

Dry Goods, Crockery, Hardware, Groceries, made up Clothing, Shoes, Caps, &c., and about Sixty cords of Wood, amounting by estimate to \$2,956 95.



## INMATES.

The number of Inmates remaining at DEER ISLAND, 31st March, 1854, was as follows :

|                |     |   |             |
|----------------|-----|---|-------------|
| Male adults,   | 460 | } | 644         |
| Children,      | 184 |   |             |
| Female adults, | 424 | } | 513         |
| Children,      | 89  |   |             |
|                |     |   | <hr/> 1,157 |

The number at SOUTH BOSTON, was as follows :

At the House of Reformation, 67 Boys.

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| On the 31st March, 1853, there were | 94 Boys. |
| Decrease in 1854,                   | 27 Boys. |
|                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                     | 67       |

|                                                    |   |   |   |   |    |
|----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Average number in the House of Reformation for the |   |   |   |   |    |
| year,                                              | - | - | - | - | 77 |

|                    |   |   |   |                  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------------|
| Average last year, | - | - | - | 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------------|

Average age when committed, - - 12

Nativity—Foreign, 92 $\frac{5}{8}$  per cent.  
American, 7 $\frac{3}{8}$  “

Apprenticed during the year, 46 Boys and 1 Girl.

Of the Boys, 28 went to Trades.

11 went to Sea.

7 went on Farms.

1 Girl to Domestic Work.

At the BOYLSTON ASYLUM.

|                             |   |   |       |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-------|
| Boys,                       | - | - | 139   |
| Male Assistants, (Paupers,) | - | - | 5     |
| Female, do                  | - | - | 12    |
|                             |   |   | <hr/> |
| Total,                      |   |   | 156   |
|                             |   |   | <hr/> |

## COST OF MAINTAINING THE ESTABLISHMENT

at Deer Island, and the HOUSE OF INDUSTRY at South Boston, *including the House of Reformation, and the Boylston Asylum, for Boys*—for the past four years.

N. B. *These calculations are exclusive of any allowance by the Commonwealth for the support of State paupers, viz: 49 cents per week for adults, who are incompetent to labor, and 28 cents per week for children. They are also exclusive of the following Salaries, which are not charged in the accounts of the Directors, viz:*

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, &c. *Chaplain, Schoolmasters, and Teachers at the Boylston School, which are paid out of special trust funds, amounting to about \$1,600 ;—also \$400 for a portion of the Salary and Hospital Expenses of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital, who has the medical charge of all the Institutions at South Boston.*

DEER ISLAND. *Part of the Salary of the Superintendent, who is also Port Physician, say \$1000 per annum.*

| Year.    | Houses.            | Net Cost.   | No. Inmates. | Cost per Week |
|----------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1850-51— | House of Industry, | \$39,925 16 | 770          | 0 99.71       |
|          | Deer Island,       | 37,164 02   | 398          | 1 79.55       |
| 1851-52— | House of Industry, | 35,006 12   | 750          | 0 89.76       |
|          | Deer Island,       | 47,413 76   | 574          | 1 58.88       |
| 1852-53— | House of Industry, | 35,834 11   | 772          | 0 89.26       |
|          | Deer Island,       | 38,337 26   | 616          | 1 19.69       |
| 1853-54— | page 156,          | 87,819 81   | 1,393        | 1 21.23       |

The Directors of these Institutions, in their Annual Report to the City Council for the year 1853-54, state that if the aggregate cost of the two Establishments, \$90,251 26, as per their account, be divided by the average number of Inmates, which (including the 77 Reformation boys) is 1,393, it will appear that \$64 79 has been the annual expense of each, or \$1 24½ per week ; tending to show that, although the Expenditures have exceeded the Estimates of this Board at the commencement of the year, from causes beyond their control, and yet readily appreciated, that the closest economy has been aimed at, consistent with a due regard to the comfort of those committed to their charge ; and that the amount includes not only the subsistence of the pauper inmates, but

covers all expenses incident to the Establishments ; among which will be found many items for improvements of a permanent character, and indispensable repairs, not embraced in the Estimates.

This statement is made, with a view to remove misapprehensions which to some extent have prevailed, that expenditure on too lavish a scale was allowed in this Department, which it is believed a better knowledge of the facts will remove. The subject may assume perhaps, a yet more acceptable shape, when it is considered, that the actual cost (to the City) of supporting these humble dependents, is in fact reduced by the State allowance, to a sum which gives, as the charge per capita, \$52 85 per annum, or a fraction over one dollar a week. The Council have recently had the opportunity of personal observation of the degree of comfort which for this small outlay has been secured to the objects for whom it is intended ; and while we are satisfied, that more cannot be afforded, with the means at our disposal, this Board will not believe that any thing *less* would be sanctioned by the most strenuous advocates of economy.

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

BY THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF BOSTON,

*From January 1st to December 31st, 1853.*

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#### RECEIPTS.

|                                                                                    |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, January 1st, 1853,                          | 865 36      |
| Amount of Drafts on the City Treasurer, to pay disbursements in the several Wards, | 28,700 00   |
| Amount received from Towns in the Commonwealth for relief of their Poor,           | 1,239 94    |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                                                                    | \$30,805 30 |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>       |

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#### EXPENDITURES.

|                                                           |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount paid for Burials of City, State and other Paupers, | 556 50     |
| Amount paid for Coffins for the same,                     | 544 87     |
| do. do Towns for Relief of City Poor,                     | 1,070 12   |
| Paid City Treasurer amount received from other Towns,     | 999 69     |
| Amount Pensions, Grants, Postage and Stationery,          | 571 69     |
| Amount Secretary's Salary,                                | 866 66     |
|                                                           | <hr/>      |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>                            | \$4,609 53 |

*Amount brought forward,* \$4,609 53

*Out-door Relief supplied on application to the Overseers,  
and distributed by the members of the Board, at their  
discretion, in their respective Wards, viz:*

| Ward. | Wood and Coal. | Cash.      |             |
|-------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| No. 1 | 2,141 06       | 972 53     | 3,113 59    |
| 2     | 675 76         | 925 38     | 1,601 14    |
| 3     | 1,415 12       | 773 06     | 2,188 18    |
| 4     | 793 00         | 614 99     | 1,407 99    |
| 5     | 890 80         | 376 17     | 1,266 97    |
| 6     | 1,514 14       | 456 25     | 1,970 39    |
| 7     | 1,997 63       | 517 17     | 2,514 80    |
| 8     | 1,687 79       | 619 88     | 2,307 67    |
| 9     | 882 96         | 763 36     | 1,646 32    |
| 10    | 1,974 00       | 398 75     | 2,372 75    |
| 11    | 1,103 13       | 328 25     | 1,431 38    |
| 12    | 1,420 00       | 834 50     | 2,254 50    |
|       | <hr/>          | <hr/>      | <hr/>       |
|       | \$16,495 39    | \$7,580 29 | \$28,685 21 |

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, December 31st, 1853,

2,120 09

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\$30,805 30

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(Signed,) CALVIN WHITING,  
THOMAS HILL, JR.  
WILLIAM EDWARDS, } Committee  
on  
Accounts.

## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

*Annual Expenses of all the Public Schools, for thirteen years past.*

| Financial year. | Number of Scholars. | Salaries of Teachers. | Rate per Scholar. | Incidental Expenses. | Rate per Scholar. | Total rate per Scholar. |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1841-42         | 12,401              | \$97,193 67           | 7.84              | \$23,194 81          | 1.89              | 9.73                    |
| 1842-43         | 13,178              | 101,099 47            | 7.67              | 27,637 36            | 2.10              | 9.77                    |
| 1843-44         | 15,073              | 109,216 82            | 7.25              | 26,454 80            | 1.76              | 9.00                    |
| 1844-45         | 16,108              | 118,444 95            | 7.35              | 32,102 12            | 1.99              | 9.34                    |
| 1845-46         | 16,910              | 129,946 75            | 7.63              | 35,311 15            | 2.09              | 9.72                    |
| 1846-47         | 17,516              | 149,351 03            | 8.53              | 43,015 32            | 2.46              | 10.99                   |
| 1847-48         | 18,896              | 161,378 12            | 8.54              | 57,408 30            | 3.04              | 11.58                   |
| 1848-49         | 19,771              | 172,107 83            | 8.70              | 60,929 65            | 3.08              | 11.78                   |
| 1849-50         | 20,589              | 177,731 54            | 8.63              | 57,999 87            | 2.82              | 11.45                   |
| 1850-51         | 21,643              | 184,253 68            | 8.51              | 61,035 21            | 2.82              | 11.33                   |
| 1851-52         | 21,951              | 190,708 91            | 8.69              | 45,518 15            | 2.07              | 10.76                   |
| 1852-53         | 22,337              | 193,039 51            | 8.64              | 58,081 28            | 2.60              | 11.24                   |
| 1853-54         | 22,528              | 192,704 32            | 8.55              | 54,912 58            | 2.44              | 10.99                   |



## VALUATION OF BOSTON.

*Statement showing the ASSESSORS' VALUATION of the Real and Personal Property of the CITY OF BOSTON, on the first day of May for twenty years, (1834 to 1853, INCLUSIVE). Also, the amount and rate per cent. of increase in each period of ten years.*

| Years.        | Valuation first Term. | Valuation second Term. | Amount of Increase in the 10 years. | Rate per cent. of Increase in 10 years. |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1834 and 1844 | \$74,805,800          | \$118,450,300          | \$43,644,500                        | 58.3                                    |
| 1835 and 1845 | 79,302,600            | 135,948,700            | 56,646,600                          | 71.4                                    |
| 1836 and 1846 | 88,265,000            | 148,839,600            | 60,574,600                          | 68.6                                    |
| 1837 and 1847 | 89,583,800            | 162,360,400            | 72,776,600                          | 81.2                                    |
| 1838 and 1848 | 90,231,600            | 167,728,000            | 77,496,400                          | 85.9                                    |
| 1839 and 1849 | 91,826,400            | 174,180,200            | 82,353,800                          | 89.7                                    |
| 1840 and 1850 | *94,581,600           | *180,000,500           | 85,418,900                          | 90.3                                    |
| 1841 and 1851 | 98,006,600            | 187,947,000            | 89,940,400                          | 91.8                                    |
| 1842 and 1852 | 106,722,800           | 187,660,000            | 80,937,200                          | 75.8                                    |
| 1843 and 1853 | 110,046,000           | 206,514,200            | 96,468,200                          | 87.6                                    |

This valuation is exclusive of all the property *owned* by the City, which is never estimated by the City Assessors.

In the State valuation, this property is all estimated and taxed.

\* The State valuation for Boston in 1840, was \$109,304,218, and in 1850 it was \$213,310,067—being an increase of over 15½ per cent. on the first term, and 18½ on the second term.

The following items are not estimated in either valuation, viz:—

All Houses of Religious Worship, and the pews and furniture in the same. All tombs and rights of burial.

The personal property of all literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions, incorporated by this State, and all the Real Estate belonging to such institutions, which is actually occupied by them, or by their officers, for the purposes for which they were incorporated.

United States Stock owned by individuals.

All property belonging to the United States Government, or to the Commonwealth.

Household furniture of every person not exceeding \$1,000 in value. Also his wearing apparel and tools necessary for carrying on his business.

## WATER WORKS.

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The WHOLE COST OF THE WATER WORKS, to the City, up to the 1st day of May, 1854, is as follows :

|                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Net payments by the WATER COMMISSIONERS,<br>from June, 1846, to 4th January, 1850, <i>as</i><br><i>per statement on page 168,</i>           | 3,996,069 83                                                                                                                                                                |
| Net payments by the WATER BOARD of 1850,<br>(5th January, 1850, to 4th January, 1851;) <i>as</i><br><i>per statement on page 168,</i>       | 358,010 47                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Net payments by the COCHITUATE WATER BOARD,<br>5th January, 1851, to 30th April, 1854, <i>as</i><br><i>per details on page 168,</i>         | 311,084 72                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Net payments by the Water Commissioners<br>and by the two Water Boards, all of which<br>were paid by their Drafts on the City<br>Treasurer, | <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">4,665,165 02</div>                                                                                |
| To which is to be added the payments by the<br>City, which were not drawn for by either of<br>the Water Boards, viz. :                      |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| In 1847-48, per Report 36, p. 62,                                                                                                           | 3,377 13                                                                                                                                                                    |
| In 1848-49, per Report 37, p. 58,                                                                                                           | 13,457 81                                                                                                                                                                   |
| In 1849-50, per Report 38, p. 69,                                                                                                           | 1,736 23                                                                                                                                                                    |
| In 1850-51, per Report 39, p. 85,                                                                                                           | 10,242 47                                                                                                                                                                   |
| In 1851-52, per Report 40, p. 85,                                                                                                           | 2,775 03                                                                                                                                                                    |
| In 1852-53, per Report 41, p. 91,                                                                                                           | 6,516 00                                                                                                                                                                    |
| In 1853-54, per this Report, p. 94,                                                                                                         | 2,959 83                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                             | 41,064 50                                                                                                                                                                   |
| To which is to be added the payments for<br>Interest, (including discounts and premiums<br>on Water Scrip thus far negotiated,) viz. :      |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| In 1846-47, per Report 35, p. 66,                                                                                                           | 6,011 50                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1847-48, per Report 36, p. 62,                                                                                                              | 127,412 01                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1848-49, per Report 37, p. 59,                                                                                                              | 182,095 10                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1849-50, per Report 38, p. 69,                                                                                                              | 234,173 52                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>                                                                                                             | <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: right;">\$549,692 13</div> <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: right; vertical-align: middle;">4,706,229 52</div> |

|                                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Amounts brought forward,</i> | \$549,692 13 | 4,706,229 52 |
| 1850-51, per Report 39, p. 86,  |              |              |
| \$282,192 79, less credit on    |              |              |
| page 101, \$1,487 50,           | 280,705 29   |              |
| 1851-52, per Report 40, p. 85,  |              |              |
| \$310,421 05, less credit on    |              |              |
| page 99, \$8,323 89,            | 302,097 16   |              |
| 1852-53, per No. 41 Report,     |              |              |
| page 91,                        | 303,984 30   |              |
| 1853-54, per this Report,       |              |              |
| page 95,                        | 268,714 62   |              |
|                                 | <hr/>        | 1,705,193 50 |

Gross Cost to 30th April 1854, including }  
Interest, } \$6,411,423 02

The INCOME collected by the City from  
WATER RENTS has been as follows, viz. :

|                                   |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| In 1848-49, per Report 37, p. 71, | 15,933 01  |            |
| 1849-50, per Report 38, p. 83,    | 142,704 65 |            |
| 1850-51, per Report 39, p. 100,   | 136,290 75 |            |
| 1851-52, per Report 40, p. 99,    | 183,987 56 |            |
| 1852-53, per Report No. 41,       |            |            |
| page 104, \$193,941 81,           |            |            |
| and 1,003 00,                     | 194,944 81 |            |
| 1853-54—Rents, and Shut-          |            |            |
| ting off and Letting on           |            |            |
| Water,                            | 207,456 22 |            |
| Sales of Real Estate and          |            |            |
| Interest,                         | 1,575 12   |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      | 882,892 12 |

Actual NET COST to the City on the 1st }  
of May, 1854, all revenue being deducted, } \$5 528,530 90

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE  
COCHITUATE WATER BOARD,

*From January 1st, 1851, to 30th April, 1854.*

|                                        |   |   |       |          |              |
|----------------------------------------|---|---|-------|----------|--------------|
| Land and Water Rights,                 | - | - | -     | \$25,925 | 97           |
| Land and other Damages,                | - | - | -     | 11,977   | 69           |
| Jamaica Pond Aqueduct,                 | - | - | -     | 45,583   | 90           |
|                                        |   |   |       |          | <hr/>        |
|                                        |   |   |       |          | 83,487 56    |
| Reservoirs, viz :                      |   |   |       |          |              |
| Beacon Hill,                           | - | - | 6,874 | 00       |              |
| South Boston,                          | - | - | 854   | 00       |              |
| East Boston,                           | - | - | 3,066 | 87       |              |
| Brookline,                             | - | - | 7,263 | 74       |              |
| Marlborough,                           | - | - | 1,423 | 26       |              |
| Whitehall,                             | - | - | 179   | 88       |              |
|                                        |   |   |       |          | <hr/>        |
|                                        |   |   |       |          | 19,661 75    |
| Salaries,                              | - | - | -     | -        | 26,205 69    |
| Water Works,                           | - | - | -     | -        | 6,661 69     |
| Covering Water Pipes, East Boston,     | - | - | -     | -        | 4,015 49     |
| Proving Yard,                          | - | - | -     | -        | 5,824 69     |
| Water Pipes,                           | - | - | -     | -        | 38,786 02    |
| Office Expenses, Rent, Furniture, &c., | - | - | -     | -        | 5,993 43     |
| Service Pipe,                          | - | - | -     | -        | 14,239 34    |
| Stop Cocks,                            | - | - | -     | -        | 5,842 33     |
| Laying Service Pipes,                  | - | - | -     | -        | 7,943 66     |
| Water Pipes,                           | - | - | -     | -        | 9,333 53     |
| Water Meters,                          | - | - | -     | -        | 10,735 11    |
| Taxes,                                 | - | - | -     | -        | 4,584 46     |
| Printing,                              | - | - | -     | -        | 2,012 73     |
| Carting,                               | - | - | -     | -        | 2,333 62     |
| Wagon hire for Superintendent,         | - | - | -     | -        | 1,473 50     |
| Travelling Expenses,                   | - | - | -     | -        | 1,923 99     |
| Miscellaneous Expenses,                | - | - | -     | -        | 1,687 55     |
| Fountains,                             | - | - | -     | -        | 1,320 21     |
| Tools,                                 | - | - | -     | -        | 3,127 03     |
| Oil and Wicking,                       | - | - | -     | -        | 259 49       |
| Lanterns,                              | - | - | -     | -        | 87 97        |
| Fuel,                                  | - | - | -     | -        | 61 87        |
|                                        |   |   |       |          | <hr/>        |
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i>         |   |   |       |          | \$257,602 71 |

|                                                         |   |   |   |   |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                          |   |   |   |   | \$257,602 71        |
| Advertising, - - - - -                                  | - | - | - | - | 101 08              |
| Recording Deeds, &c., - - -                             | - | - | - | - | 31 51               |
| Postages, - - - - -                                     | - | - | - | - | 79 92               |
| Expresses, - - - - -                                    | - | - | - | - | 54 66               |
| Brick Aqueduct, Repairs, - -                            | - | - | - | - | 13,397 63           |
| Lake Cochituate, - - - - -                              | - | - | - | - | 1,222 63            |
| Tolls and Ferriages, - - - -                            | - | - | - | - | 413 45              |
| Hydrants, - - - - -                                     | - | - | - | - | 4,138 22            |
| Hydrant Boxes, - - - - -                                | - | - | - | - | 595 75              |
| Stop Cock Boxes, - - - - -                              | - | - | - | - | 675 41              |
| Packing, - - - - -                                      | - | - | - | - | 175 34              |
| Engine Hose, - - - - -                                  | - | - | - | - | 158 40              |
| Repairing Streets, - - - - -                            | - | - | - | - | 1,760 42            |
| Water Pipes, - - - - -                                  | - | - | - | - | 2,415 73            |
| Service Pipes, - - - - -                                | - | - | - | - | 2,650 85            |
| Stop Cocks, - - - - -                                   | - | - | - | - | 3,265 81            |
| Stop Cock Boxes, - - - -                                | - | - | - | - | 378 01              |
| Hydrants, - - - - -                                     | - | - | - | - | 2,561 98            |
| Hydrant Boxes, - - - - -                                | - | - | - | - | 338 85              |
| Engine, Boiler, &c., - - - - -                          | - | - | - | - | 229 48              |
| Mason Work, - - - - -                                   | - | - | - | - | 16 00               |
| Letting on and shutting off Water, -                    | - | - | - | - | 5,550 15            |
| Blowing off Hydrants, - - - -                           | - | - | - | - | 2,316 55            |
| Blowing off Water Pipes, - - -                          | - | - | - | - | 85 00               |
| Blacksmith Shop, for Stock, &c., -                      | - | - | - | - | 2,898 90            |
| Plumbing, - - - - -                                     | - | - | - | - | 1,870 43            |
| Samuel Holbrook, <i>Clerk</i> , (to pay small Bills,) - | - | - | - | - | 300 00              |
| New Pipe Yard and Repair Shop payments,                 |   |   |   |   |                     |
| thus far, - - - - -                                     | - | - | - | - | 25,466 51           |
| Shutting off Water for Waste, - -                       | - | - | - | - | 495 44              |
| Repair Shop, - - - - -                                  | - | - | - | - | 66 22               |
| Stable, - - - - -                                       | - | - | - | - | 1,249 21            |
|                                                         |   |   |   |   |                     |
|                                                         |   |   |   |   | <u>\$332,562 25</u> |

# RECEIPTS FROM COCHITUATE WATER BOARD.

The Receipts from the COCHITUATE WATER BOARD, from 5th January, 1851, to the close of April, 1854, have been as follows: all of which have been paid into the City Treasury.

N. B. *This is exclusive of Water Rents, none of which have been collected by this Board; but have all been collected by the City Treasurer.*

|                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sales, viz: of Real Estate, - - -                                                                                                                                    | \$1,435 00          |
| Old Materials and Machinery, - -                                                                                                                                     | 5,347 13            |
| Old Steam Engines and Boilers, -                                                                                                                                     | 1,294 88            |
| Iron Pipes, - - -                                                                                                                                                    | 493 83              |
| Old Building, - - -                                                                                                                                                  | 378 80              |
| Grass, - - -                                                                                                                                                         | 122 37              |
| Broken Stone, - - -                                                                                                                                                  | 250 00              |
| Engineering Instruments, -                                                                                                                                           | 28 00               |
| Laying and Repairing Service Pipes, Shutting<br>off and letting on Water for repairs of Pipes,<br>and at the request of individuals; filling<br>Cisterns, &c., - - - | 10,025 51           |
| Rents of Land and Buildings, - -                                                                                                                                     | 1,840 22            |
| Discount on Taxes, &c., - - -                                                                                                                                        | 261 79              |
| Amount paid into the City Treasury,                                                                                                                                  | <u>\$21,477 53</u>  |
| Expenditures by the Cochituate Water Board,                                                                                                                          | 332,562 25          |
| Receipts from do.                                                                                                                                                    | <u>21,477 53</u>    |
| Net Expenditures by the Cochituate }<br>Water Board,                                                                                                                 | <u>\$311,084 72</u> |

The payments in detail by the original Water Commissioners and by the Water Board of 1850, during their administrations, will be found in Report No. 40, pages 154 to 157—they are as follows:

|                                               |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Payments by the Commissioners,                | 4,043,718 21          |
| Income, - - -                                 | 47,648 38             |
|                                               | <u>3,996,069 83</u>   |
| Payments by the Water Board of<br>1850, - - - | 366,163 89            |
| Income, - - -                                 | 8,153 52              |
|                                               | <u>358,010 37</u>     |
|                                               | <u>\$4,354,080 20</u> |



## W A T E R   W O R K S .

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The whole care and management of the City Water Works is entrusted, by ordinance, to the COCHITUATE WATER BOARD, who are chosen annually in the month of March or April, by concurrent vote of the two Branches of the City Council. They must consist of one Alderman, one member of the Common Council, and five Citizens at large. They are removable at the pleasure of the City Council. They may be re-elected annually, but cannot be chosen more than five consecutive years. They receive no compensation, and are required to report to the City Council, annually in the month of January, a statement of the condition of the Water Works, and of the lands and other property connected therewith; with an account of all Receipts and Expenditures, together with a Report from the City Engineer and the Water Registrar, and any information or suggestions they may deem important.

The following Gentlemen compose the Board of 1854-55 :

THOMAS WETMORE, Esq., *President*.  
*Alderman*, WILLIAM WASHBURN,  
*Common Councilman*, SAMUEL HATCH,  
*Citizens*, HENRY B. ROGERS,  
                   JOHN H. WILKINS,  
                   ADAM W. THAXTER, Jr.,  
                   THOMAS SPRAGUE.

The retirement of Alderman Reed and Councilman Sprague, who were members of the Board of 1853, from the City Government, necessarily created vacancies in the Board of 1854. These vacancies were filled by Alderman Washburn and Councilman Hatch, of the present City Council. The HON. JONATHAN PRESTON, who had been a member

of the Board since its organization in 1851, having declined serving any longer, his place was filled by Ex-councilman Thomas Sprague.

According to the requirements of the ordinance, this Board made their *third* annual Report to the City Council on the 15th January last.

They commence by stating that the experience of the past year fully agrees with that of previous ones, in confirming the anticipations originally formed, of the entire sufficiency of the Water Works for affording an ample supply of water, for "*all the public, domestic and manufacturing uses of the inhabitants.*" The supply in Lake Cochituate was quite abundant, the quantity wasted at the outlet dam having been more, by upwards of a hundred million of gallons, than what was drawn from the Brookline Reservoir for the consumption of the city.

#### GENERAL CONDITION OF THE WORKS.

The general condition of the various structures at the Lake and Reservoirs, and of the brick aqueduct, mains and distributing pipes, continues to be highly satisfactory. The repairs on the aqueduct have been continued successfully during the year. The work has been exceedingly arduous, and is found to be of the most vital importance to the security of the structure. By using the English hydraulic cement, the stoppage of the leaks has been, it is believed, fully effected, though the cost has been much increased. We have every reason to believe that these highly important defects in the original construction, which had been a source of anxiety from the beginning, will be now effectually and permanently remedied. About three thousand feet, out of the fourteen thousand originally deemed necessary to be repaired, now remain unfinished. The vegetable substance which is mentioned in the City Engineer's Report as having made its appearance lately in the aqueduct, is stated by botanists to be a species of *spongilla* or *fresh water sponge*. There is probably no way of preventing its

growth; it is however easily removed. The only injury it is known to do, is the clogging up the screens at the reservoirs; and on this account it has become quite troublesome.

The gates at the outlet dam were closed on the 17th of June for the purpose of retaining, for consumption during the dry season, the water which had been previously collected. The height of the water was then 7 feet  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches above the flume, and  $9\frac{3}{4}$  inches below the point of high water to which the city is authorized to raise it. The gates were kept closed until the twenty-first of November, when the fall rains had again raised it to 7 feet  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches. The lowest point to which it fell during the summer was 3 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches below the high water level, on the 24th of October. There then remained in the Lake 3 feet  $11\frac{3}{4}$  inches, or more than one-half of the quantity which had been retained.

#### COMPENSATING RESERVOIRS.

The Compensating Reservoirs, at Hopkinton and Marlborough, are also in a satisfactory condition, and have fully answered the purpose for which they were designed, viz., the supplying Concord River with a quantity of water for the use of the Mills at Billerica, and also the Middlesex Canal, sufficient to compensate for supposed loss which they might sustain, by reason of our having diverted the water of Lake Cochituate from the same. The estimated amount discharged from both Reservoirs, from June 1 to October 1, was 1,413,712,000 gallons.

The natural supply of the Lake, during the same period, was 548,908,600 gallons, besides what was wasted at the natural outlet, which also continued to supply the River.

The quantity discharged from the Reservoirs was more than two and a half times greater than what would have been the natural supply of the Lake. In fact the amount actually wasted from the latter during the months of July and August, is believed to have been nearly or quite as much as would have flowed from the Lake, during the same period if the dam had not been built.

## JAMAICA AQUEDUCT.

This has received no special attention, nor has it given much trouble during the year ; and it continues to supply all who depend on it, in Roxbury.

Jamaica Pond has been kept low enough to prevent complaints from those who live on its borders.

## CONSUMPTION AND WASTE OF WATER.

The quantity drawn from the Brookline Reservoir and used during the year was, as has been stated, 3,118 *millions of wine gallons*, being a daily average for the year of *over Eight and a half million* of gallons, and affording a supply to *every inhabitant*, of the present population, of *fifty-five gallons daily*. The quantity thus used exceeds that of the last year by more than 152 *millions of gallons*. This excess seems to have been confined to the month of June and the four last months of the year, as in the other months the consumption was less than that of the corresponding months of the previous year. The difference in the consumption of the two years is probably to be attributed to the fact that during all the early months of the year the weather was much milder than the year before, and thus one great and usual source of waste of water caused by letting it run to prevent freezing in the pipes, was in a degree obviated ; and during the other months, when the consumption was less than the year previous, the deficiency was probably entirely owing to the unusual amount of rain-fall, which rendered the customary use of the water for many purposes unnecessary.

Since the month of September the excess of consumption over the last year has been continually increasing, so that during the month of December it amounted to 2,032,582 gallons daily—the daily average for the month being 9,228,400 gallons.

The daily average continued about the same as in December until the 25th, when the cold became more intense ; on that day, for twenty-four hours, the consumption was 11,600,000. On the 26th, it was 13,100,000. On the 28th

and also the 29th, it was upwards of 14,000,000. And the average for the month has been 10,800,000. The consequence has been that the Reservoirs on Beacon Hill and at South Boston, were drained, and that at East Boston reduced at one time to 3 feet 6 inches. There was an entire failure of supply to many houses on Mount Vernon, and also on Fort Hill, and the higher parts of Broadway, South Boston.

#### WASTE OF WATER.

It has been deemed important to the Board to ascertain the time and places where any excess of consumption generally takes place, and more particularly to measure, with as much precision as possible, the draught at times when there would probably be the smallest quantity used, and in places where the use might be presumed to be unusually large.

In reference to the first point, the Report of the City Engineer describes an elaborate course of observations made by him. Their result will, we think, excite the surprise of the City Council, as it has that of the Water Board. The time taken was between midnight and four o'clock in the morning, October 19th. It was found that the consumption at that time amounted to 885,000 wine gallons, which was at the rate of 5,310,000 gallons in twenty-four hours; and these results were confirmed by subsequent observations. That is to say, at a period of time when the vast majority of water takers are presumed to have ceased entirely to draw any water, and when the consumption everywhere must have been quite a small fraction, compared with that of any other part of the day, and at a season of the year when it could not have been run to waste to prevent freezing, the consumption was at a greater rate, by nearly a million of gallons a day, than was originally anticipated to be necessary for all the wants of the present population, supposing it to be 155,000. A result so extraordinary, at first led to the suspicion that there might be one or more leaks in some of the mains. A farther course of experiments, however, proved that this could not be the case, and that there could not be any important leak in any of the mains or distributing pipes



in the streets, or in those which cross the channels to South and East Boston. An attempt was also made to ascertain the quantity discharged from the different sewers, during the same hours, and though it could not be done with entire completeness; it appeared sufficiently proved, that the consumption was more than equalled by that discharge.

In order to ascertain the quantity actually used in certain places where it was supposed to be unusually large, the Board have, during the summer of the past year, caused WATER METERS to be placed in some of the principal hotels and livery stables, for measuring the quantity actually drawn. They have found that in one hotel there was an average daily consumption of 25,539 gallons, for 58 days—and in another, an average daily consumption of 17,441 gallons, for 70 days. By the present tariff the former paid at the rate of about *one cent* for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hogsheads of water. In one livery stable there was a daily average consumption of 5,540 gallons for 35 horses, or about *158 gallons to each horse*; in another, a daily average of 5,019 gallons for 55 horses, about *90 gallons for each horse*; in another, a daily average of 2,818 gallons for 45 horses, about *62 gallons for each horse*. In all these stables the hand hose was used for washing carriages, &c., and it was obvious that much of the waste could be attributed to that fact, by comparing the consumption with that in stables where no hose was used, in one of which there was a daily average of 1,666 gallons for 50 horses, about *32 gallons for each horse*, and in another it was 558 gallons for 36 horses, or *15 gallons for each horse*.

The Water Board regret that they have no evidence, on which they can attribute the diminished consumption, which appears to have taken place at certain periods of the year, to a more prudent use of the water than has heretofore prevailed; and they continue to be duly sensible of the necessity of repressing the wastefulness which so great a consumption during the year indicates. The quantity used has been about double what was originally, and is now, believed to be sufficient, for all the "*public, manufacturing and domestic*" uses of the present population; and more, by



1,300,000 gallons than was deemed ample for 250,000 inhabitants. *Nearly one half of the consumption may fairly be considered as absolutely wasted.* They cannot help believing that one cause of it may be found in the fact that, to a vast majority of the water takers, it has hitherto been of no injury, and that probably by them its future consequences are little appreciated, or indeed known. There is, however, even at this early period in the history of the water works, a large and increasing number on the higher part of the city, who already at times feel no small inconvenience from a deficiency of supply, whose complaints are becoming more grave and well founded daily; and for which some remedy must ere long be found. The Board have effected this to some extent heretofore, by causing the effluent main of the Beacon Hill Reservoir to be closed from 7 o'clock in the evening to 6 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of accumulating, if possible, a quantity sufficient to supply the reservoirs in the houses of those tenants, in the early part of the day. The draught, however, has been recently so great, and the quantity accumulated so comparatively small, that the supply has been entirely insufficient, even for many houses which were provided with reservoirs; and for those which had none of the relief was still less effectual. There is but a foot or two of water frequently left in the Beacon Hill Reservoir, and it sometimes stands four and even ten feet below the bottom of it; of course at those times there are but few houses in the neighborhood, where the water rises above the first floor; in many it flows but imperfectly and interruptedly even into the lowest rooms; and in some it has failed altogether.

But far more serious consequences may be apprehended if a greater head of water cannot be kept up on the high service, and in the Beacon Hill and South Boston Reservoirs.

The whole district of South Boston is supplied by a single main of twenty inches diameter, carried under the bridge, having an inverted syphon beneath the draw. The main has hitherto continued perfectly tight and uninjured; it is however liable to accidents, and should any happen, by

which the flow through it should be interrupted, that district would be entirely deprived of water, not only for extinguishing fire, but also for the ordinary purposes of life, unless a greater quantity can be retained in the reservoir than we now can do. And there is apprehension of similar difficulties in the high service, if the head of water cannot be kept up in the Beacon Hill Reservoir.

For the purpose of obtaining all the information which it was possible might throw any light on the subject of the waste of water, the Water Registrar was requested, in the early part of the year, to make an examination of all the water-fixtures in the several dwelling houses and other places, where the Cochituate Water is used; and to report the same to the Board. A very careful and thorough inspection was accordingly made, and the result submitted by the Water Board to the City Council.

The Water Registrar stated in his report, that he caused the premises of every water taker to be visited, the fixtures to be examined, and the various ways of using the water to be ascertained; and also an account to be taken of the places where the fixtures were out of order and the water found running to waste. He returned a "full statement of the number and kind of water-fixtures contained within the premises of all the water takers in the city," a copy of which is annexed to his report, herewith transmitted.

He also reported some prevalent modes of using the water, particularly in urinals and certain descriptions of water closets, as very objectionable, in being the cause of a great waste, without any proportionate benefit to any one. That the present *use of it at all in urinals* very imperfectly accomplishes the purposes of cleanness, and that the *hopper closet* and *self-acting closet*, require, when properly used, about nine times the quantity of water that the *pan closet* does; and that by substituting the latter for the two former descriptions, there would be a saving of 239,960 gallons daily, even supposing there were no unnecessary waste in either. He therefore recommended that the use of the water in *urinals* and in the *hopper and self-acting water closets*,

and also of the *hose in stables*, should hereafter be prohibited.

The Water Board, after due consideration of the facts communicated by the Water Registrar, fully agreed with him in the alterations proposed, and submitted the same to the City Council. An ordinance was accordingly passed, proscribing the use of the hose in stables for the future, and increasing the water-rate in boarding-houses (of a certain value) and hotels; with permission, however, for those having charge of them, to place meters in them, and have the water rate assessed according to the quantity actually used; and also authorizing the Board to regulate the subject of water closets. The Board was also subsequently directed "to revise the present Tariff of Water Rates, and to report the same, at an early day during the ensuing Municipal year, to the City Council of Boston."

The Water Board have used and will continue to use, all the means in their power to prevent the waste which prevails, by enforcing the provisions of the ordinances on the subject. It is their intention to this end, to appoint proper persons, whose special duty it shall be to ascertain, as far as possible, all places where the water is suffered to run to waste, and forthwith to report the same; AND THE WATER REGISTRAR WILL BE DIRECTED AT ONCE TO CUT OFF THE SUPPLY FROM SUCH PLACES, WITHOUT WAITING TO GIVE NOTICE TO ANY PARTIES INTERESTED. And the Board have also renewed their appeals to their fellow citizens to attend to the use of the water in their own households.

#### ADDITIONAL WORKS CONSEQUENT ON THE WASTE OF WATER.

If, however, their endeavors should continue to be, as heretofore, fruitless, they think that it will be necessary to supply the high service by some means which we do not now possess; not only because common justice requires that that portion of our fellow citizens who have been subjected, and will continue to be so, to no small share of the burdens which the introduction of the water has imposed, should enjoy all its benefits equally with the others, but for

reasons in which those living on the highest part of the city are not alone interested. The danger of fire makes it an object of the deepest concern to all parts of the city.\*

It is for the City Council to determine the necessity of such further supply, and also of the mode of effecting it. Three different ways have suggested themselves to the Water Board.

The first is, the laying another main to the Brookline Reservoir, by which the quantity brought into the city will be actually increased and devoted to the high service.

The second is, the employment of steam, to raise a sufficient quantity into the Beacon Hill Reservoir, which may be brought in by the present mains.

And the third is, the requiring the use of *water meters* by the water takers, and charging a water-rate in some proportion to the *quantity* of water used; by which it is thought that the waste will be prevented, and the quantity now brought in be found amply sufficient for all parts of the city. The City Engineer has been requested to report on the practicability, and the cost of each of the above modes.

#### WATER TENANTS AND WATER RENTS.

By the Annual Report of the Water Registrar, it appears that the whole number of water takers, now entered for the present year, is 17,911, being an increase for the past year, of 1,049, to which must be added 259, being for Public Buildings (*belonging to the City*) which have been assessed, pursuant to an order of the City Council.

The number of cases where the water has been shut off for repairs on the pipes, has been 1,238; of these, 1,126 have been afterwards let on.

The number shut off for non-payment of water rates was 532, and of these, 459 were afterwards let on.

The number let on for the first time was 804.

No abatements have been made.

\* It would have been difficult to foresee the extent of the calamity had a fire occurred, on several nights recently, when Mt. Vernon, part of Fort Hill and of South Boston were entirely deprived of a supply of water.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

It is calculated by the Water Registrar, that the amount saved to the city the past year in the cost of maintaining the Fire Department, by the use of the Cochituate Water, has been \$51,705 ; which, added to the receipts for water-rates, &c., and from other sources, will now fully equal the interest payable on the total cost of the Water Works.

## SERVICE PIPES.

The whole number of service pipes put in, up to the present time, is 17,340 ; of which 687 were laid during 1853.

During a part of last year, the price of lead rose so high, that tin pipes of equal strength, (not of equal weight,) could be purchased for a cent less per running foot. As an unusual effort was made, about that time, to spread before the public, particularly in New York, objections against the use of lead for service pipes, quite a number of tin pipes were inserted when applications were made for the introduction of water into houses. It is, and has been for several years, the custom, to lay tin or cast-iron service pipes, when objection is made to lead before the pipe is laid. There has always been a doubt, however, with regard to the durability of tin ; and facts recently ascertained show, that in other places, pipes of this metal have not lasted two years. In one case, the metal was supposed to be impure ; in another, the soil in which the pipe was laid, acted injuriously upon it ; so that these trials may not be fair ones. It should be remembered, however, that, as a metal, tin was known to the ancients ; and yet there appear to be no cases, of pipes made of it mentioned, in any published accounts of the Roman or other ancient Water Works.

The cast-iron service pipes, about 2500 of which were laid five or six years ago, will probably all have to be taken up, as they are rapidly filling with rust. A few days since, one had to be taken out of Park Street on this account. As to unlined wrought iron pipes, they fill up more rapidly than the unlined cast-iron ones ; but none of them have ever been laid by the City. Private individuals, however, who had ob-

jections to the use of lead, have laid them in their houses; and will, in every instance, sooner or later, be obliged to take them out.

#### LEAKS.

During the year 1853, the following leaks occurred and were repaired, viz:—In Boston proper, 286; in South Boston, 24; East Boston, 35. Total, 345.

Of the leaks that occurred in pipes 4 inches and upwards in diameter, 10 were caused by flaws or defects, (6 in the pipes, and 4 in the stopcocks,) not discovered in the proving press, 3 by settling of the earth, 1 by being drilled into by the Gas Company's workmen, by mistake; and 71 by loosening of the lead in the joints, as more fully explained below. Total, 85, or one in every 1.28 miles.

Of the leaks that occurred in the service and two-inch pipes, 112 were caused by flaws or defects, (65 in the pipes, 3 in the stop-cocks, and 34 in the connections,) 5 by rats gnawing lead pipes, 15 by tenants, 15 by digging for sewers and gas, 11 by being accidentally struck by picks, and 83 mostly by settling of earth. Total, 241, or 1 to every 72 service pipes, nearly.

The table includes 17 service pipes that were opened to take out fish, and 2 to remove rust.

The annual rate of increase in the number of leaks is becoming very small, and it is hoped that it will before long change to a decrease. It is a gratifying fact, that of all the leaks that occurred in 1853, from defective lead joints, in pipes four inches and upwards in diameter, not one took place in any of the pipes laid during the last three years. Whether this is owing to the groove adopted to prevent the lead from working out, or to more faithful workmanship, more time is needed to decide.

As the statement shows that much the greater number of leaks occur in the service pipes, which other cities do not put in, and do not have to take care of, at their own expense, it may be asked, "what has Boston gained by incurring this expense?" The following statement will show that Boston



has a larger WATER REVENUE in proportion to the population, than any of the other cities mentioned ; and there is every reason to suppose that one great cause of this has been the policy adopted by the City, of inducing as many persons as possible to take the water, by laying the service pipes without charge to tenants. It should be remembered, however, that the average charge to each tenant in Boston for the water, is greater than it is in some other cities, particularly Philadelphia ; but the quantity consumed is also greater here for each tenant, than in any other city except New York.

## INCOME FROM WATER WORKS.

|                    | Gross income, in dollars. |            |            | Population. |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|                    | 1850.                     | 1851.      | 1852.      | 1850.       |
| New York, - - -    | 449,733 90                | 451,665 00 | 519,572 56 | 515,507     |
| *Philadelphia, - - | 132,592 31                | 140,313 50 | 151,323 12 | 187,195     |
| Boston, - - -      | 97,943 14                 | 162,317 72 | 177,012 41 | 136,871     |
| Cincinnati, - - -  | 74,381 41                 | 80,448 37  | 91,442 44  | 115,436     |
| Richmond, - -      |                           | 19,153 51  |            | 27,482      |

\*Including only the districts supplied by the Fairmount Water Works.

The gross income of the nine Water Companies of London, in 1848, was about \$2,125,000 (£425,000.) The population of that city, in that year, was about 2,200,000.

## STOPCOCKS.

These, with one or two unimportant exceptions, are all believed to be in good order.

The wooden boxes that were first put around them are rapidly decaying, and many have had to be renewed. For the last two years all the new ones put in have been of Burnettized lumber, prepared in Lowell. It is too soon to make any comparison of their durability with that of the old ones ; but there is very satisfactory ground for believing, that it will be fully sufficient to justify the additional expense of preparing the timbe .



## IRON PIPES.

The length and sizes of the Iron Pipes laid, and Stop Cocks put in, up to the 1st January, 1854, was as follows:—

|               |              |                 |             |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 36 inch Pipe, | 19,355 feet, | and 4           | Stop Cocks. |
| 30     “      | 32,290     “ | 7     “         |             |
| 24     “      | 5,773     “  | 10    “         |             |
| 20     “      | 24,127    “  | 8     “         |             |
| 16     “      | 7,237     “  | 15    “         |             |
| 12     “      | 69,714    “  | 138   “         |             |
| 6     “       | 309,642   “  | 557   “         |             |
| 4     “       | 88,466    “  | 202   “         |             |
| <hr/>         |              | <hr/>           |             |
| 556,604 feet. |              | 941 Stop Cocks. |             |
| <hr/>         |              | <hr/>           |             |

If to the above be added the length of the hydrant branches and bends, the aggregate length of the whole will be a small fraction over 109 miles.

## NEW PIPE YARD, AND REPAIR SHOP.

During the past year, the new repair shop and pipe yard on Sea Street have been completed, and fitted up with almost every desirable convenience for carrying on the operations of the Pipe Department. It is not expected, or believed, that a mechanic will do any more work in a given time at the yard than he would elsewhere; but the expense and loss of time in sending small jobs to and from other shops may be saved; and the work often more satisfactorily done. And as men must be kept winter and summer, to repair leaks, they can be usefully employed at the shop when there are no leaks to repair.

The long experience of Philadelphia, the economical management of whose Water Works has been and still is a model for other cities, confirms the propriety of the system adopted by the Board in this respect.

The land occupied by the Pipe Yard and Buildings is 9192 feet—the cost of which, including the Buildings, is about \$24,400.

The cost of the machinery and tools is about \$2,500.

## PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE WATER WORKS.

The disposable *Lands* belonging to the Water Works at the close of the year 1851, consisted of 89 Lots, situated around the Lake and on the line of the aqueduct, amounting to  $377\frac{5}{8}$  acres, and valued by the Water Board of 1850, at \$38,000.

There has since been sold five lots, containing  $20\frac{1}{2}$  acres, which produced about \$10,800. Thus leaving 84 Lots, containing about 357 acres, the estimated value of which would be somewhat over \$20,000. There are Buildings on some of these lands, and a small revenue is derived therefrom.

The amount credited for *Rents* in the year 1853, was \$669 99.

*Statement of Pipes and other Stock on hand, exclusive of Tools, January 1st, 1854.*

|                      | Diameters in inches. |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |  | Jamaica<br>aqueduct.<br>10 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|--|----------------------------|
|                      | 36                   | 30 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 | 6   | 4   | 2  | 1½ |  |                            |
| No. of Pipes, - -    | 9                    | 72 | 9  | 40 | 23 | 65 | 210 | 127 | 37 | 64 |  |                            |
| Blow off Branches, - | 2                    | 4  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -   | -  | -  |  |                            |
| Y Branches, - -      | -                    | 1  | -  | -  | 1  | 1  | 2   | -   | -  | -  |  |                            |
| 3-Way Branches, -    | 6                    | 2  | -  | -  | 4  | 16 | 10  | 3   | 34 | -  |  |                            |
| 4-Way Branches, -    | -                    | 2  | 1  | -  | 1  | 4  | 5   | -   | -  | -  |  |                            |
| Flange Pipes, - -    | 10                   | 13 | 2  | 2  | -  | -  | -   | -   | -  | -  |  |                            |
| Sleeves, - - -       | 7                    | 10 | 6  | 5  | 8  | 5  | 14  | 20  | 4  | 20 |  | 6                          |
| Caps, - - - -        | -                    | 2  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 13  | 44  | -  | -  |  | -                          |
| Reducers, - - -      | -                    | 1  | -  | -  | -  | 1  | 7   | 4   | -  | -  |  | -                          |
| Bevelled Pipes, - -  | -                    | -  | -  | 2  | -  | -  | 2   | 6   | -  | -  |  | -                          |
| Curved Pipes, - -    | 4                    | 9  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 3  | -   | -   | -  | -  |  | -                          |
| Quarter Turns, - -   | -                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 3  | 12  | 3   | -  | -  |  | 2                          |
| Double Hubs, - -     | -                    | -  | -  | 7  | 9  | -  | -   | -   | -  | -  |  | -                          |
| Stop Cocks, - -      | 4                    | 2  | 2  | 1  | 3  | 2  | 2   | -   | 2  | -  |  | 2                          |

*Hydrants.*

60 Old Kingston,

2 Wilmarth's,

10 Lowell,

3 Ballard Vale,

4 Long, (New York pattern.)

*For Hydrants.* 8 Bends, 10 Lengtheners, 36 Nipples, 27 Wharf Nipples, 47 Composition Nipples, 5 Frames and 6 Covers, 49 Lowell Screws, 44 Kingston Screws, 5 Spare Screws, 82 Caps, 7 Bend Rings, 14 Straps for Bend Rings, 29 Sets of Straps, 37 Straps, 33 Wastes, 75 Rings, 33 Wharf Cocks, 13 3-Way Cocks, 13 Wharf Couplings, 37 Valve Rods, 22 Bolts and Nuts, 12 Bottoms, 17 Seats, 10 Connections, Castings for 25 Hydrants, Lowell pattern.

*For Stopcocks.* Casting for 6 4-inch Stopcocks, 2 12-inch Valves, and 1 Screw; 1 6-inch Valve, 1 4-inch Valve, 1 Frame and Cover, 32 Cross Bars for large Stopcocks, 8 Gate Stands, 9 Rings, 1 Set Bolts, 600 Bolts for small Stopcocks, 4 large Composition Nuts, 65 brass Screws for Stopcock Flanges.

*For Service Pipes.* 474 Square Boxes, 13 T Boxes, 32 long Boxes, 1 Y Box, 5 Flanges, Caps and Tubes, 34 2-inch Uprights, 180 Caps for 2-inch Uprights, 30 1-inch Air Cocks, 11 1-inch Flange Cocks, 63 3-4-inch Flange Cocks, 352 5-8-inch Flange Cocks, 19 5-8-inch Y Cocks, 19 5-8 T Cocks, 33 3-4-inch T Cocks, 13 1-inch T Cocks, 57 1-inch Main Cocks, 47 3-4-inch Main Cocks, 39 5-8-inch Main Cocks, 43 5-8-inch Straight Cocks, 23 5-8-inch Cocks, large size, for repairs, 17 1-inch Couplings, 39 3-4-inch Couplings, 31 5-8-inch Couplings.

*Water Meters.* 4 large size, (new,) 10 small size, (new,) 24 large size, (second hand,) 15 small size, (second hand,) 1 large size Power Meter.

*Lead Pipe.* 288 feet of 1-inch, 275 feet of 3-4-inch, 738 feet of 5-8-inch.

*Block Tin Pipe.* 297 feet of 3-4-inch, 75 feet of 5-8-inch.

*Pig Lead,* 936 lbs. *Sheet Lead,* 150 lbs. *Gasket,* 750 lbs.

APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
1854-55.  
AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE  
WAYS AND MEANS  
OF MEETING THE SAME.

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By the fifteenth Section of the Ordinance on Finance, the Auditor of Accounts is required to lay before the City Council, in the month of February annually, an Estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the then ensuing Financial year, under the respective heads of Appropriation ; together with an Estimate of the Ways and Means of paying the same.

Such Estimates were duly made and laid before the Council in February last ; they were referred to a Special Committee, by whom an order was reported, which finally passed the City Council.

The substance of that order was as follows :

*It is hereby ordered by the City Council,* That to defray the EXPENDITURES of the CITY OF BOSTON and the COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, for the financial year which will commence with the first day of May, 1854, and end with the last day



of April, 1855, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby respectively appropriated for the objects and purposes as explained in the Auditor's Estimates, hereto annexed :—that is to say—

### ANNUITIES.

|                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
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| For payment of Annuities granted by the City Government at sundry times to various individuals, in settlement of Claims for damages on account of Street widenings, and on other accounts, | 400 00 |
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### ARMORIES.

|                                                                                                            |          |
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| For Rent, &c. of Armories provided for the Volunteer Militia of the City, under the Act of April 26, 1853, | 7,000 00 |
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N. B.—*The State refunds to the City all the Rent they pay for Armories, not exceeding \$300 per annum for each company.*

### ADVERTISING AND NEWSPAPERS.

|                                                                          |          |
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| For subscription to 14 daily newspapers and for advertising in the same, | 4,200 00 |
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### BELLS AND CLOCKS.

|                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
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| For repairs, winding up, regulating and care of seventeen public clocks, and for ringing eight church bells in different parts of the City to denote the hours of the day, | 1,500 00 |
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### BURIAL GROUNDS.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
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| For care and improvement of the several Burial Grounds belonging to the City; care, housing and repairs of the Funeral Cars and Harnesses, and other contingent expenses of the Burial Ground Department, | 3,000 00 |
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### BRIDGES.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |
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| For Repairs of the North and South Bridges leading to South Boston, and the Free Bridge between East Boston and Chelsea, including cost of Widening the Draw and Repairing the last named Bridge, | 14,000 00 |
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*Amount carried forward,*

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| <u>\$30,100 00</u> |
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*Amount brought forward,* \$30,100 00

### BOSTON HARBOR.

For cost of manning, supplies and repairs of the Harbor Master's Boat, and the other contingent expenses of that Department, which includes the preservation of the Islands and Channels in Boston Harbor, 2,500 00

### COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

For the usual gross expenditures on County Account, such as Witness Fees, Jurors Fees, and other Court Expenses ; for keeping in repair and furnishing the Court House, Jail, Registry of Deeds and Probate Office, including Fuel, Light, Printing and Stationery and Salaries of the Keeper of the Court House, Registry of Deeds and Probate Offices, 130,000 00

### COMMON, &c.

For care and Improvements on the Common, Malls and Public Squares in the City proper, including care of the Trees on the Streets ; Salary of the City Forester, &c., 16,000 00

For care and Improvements of the Public Squares, Trees, &c. in South Boston and East Boston, including Iron Fence for Belmont Square, 10,000 00

For care and Improvement of the Public Garden, including the cost of filling up and grading the same, provided the sum of \$3,000 is raised by subscription or otherwise, and refunded to the City Treasury, 7,000 00

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33,000 00

### CITY DEBT.

For the Annual Appropriation for the reduction of the City Debt, *as required by the 9th Section of the Ordinance on Finance. R. O. page 122,* 60,000 00

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*Amount brought forward,* \$255,600 00

*Amount brought forward,* \$255,600 00

#### EXTERNAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

For the expense of manning, supplying and keeping in repair the Boat Quarantine, now employed as the Boarding Boat for the Quarantine Establishment at Deer Island, including cost of re-coppering, 4,000 00

#### ENGINE HOUSES.

For rent and repairs of Engine and Hook and Ladder Houses, 2,000 00

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For payment to the Assistant Engineers, Officers and members of the Fire Department, and all other incidental expenses of that Department, except the Salaries of the Chief Engineer and Clerk of the Department, and the expense of the Telegraphic Alarm system, 80,000 00

For the salary of the Superintendent of the Electric Fire Alarms and his Assistants, and all other expenses of operating and keeping it in order, 7,500 00

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87,500 00

#### GAS FIXTURES.

For new Gas Posts, Pipes, Brackets, Lanterns, &c. to extend the use of Gas in lighting the City, 20,000 00

#### HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

For the gross expenditures of this Establishment, *as per Estimates of the Board of Overseers*, all the income accruing from the labor of the inmates, and from collections from other towns and cities, being paid into the City Treasury, 42,500 00

#### HOUSES OF INDUSTRY AND REFORMATION, at Deer Island and at S. Boston.

For the gross expenditures of these Establishments, *as per estimates of the Board of Directors*; all the income from the same,

*Amount carried forward,* 

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\$411,600 00

*Amount brought forward,* \$411,600 00

including the amount receivable from the Commonwealth for the support of State Paupers, and that for the support of bonded Passengers, labor of inmates, &c., being paid into the City Treasury, 90,000 00

#### INTERNAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

For expense of sweeping and cleaning the streets, lanes and squares; collecting the house offal, abating nuisances, care and keeping of Horses; construction and keeping in repair the Carts, Wagons, Harnesses, &c., required by this Department, and by that for Paving and Repairs of streets, 105,000 00

#### INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.

For payment of the Interest on the City Debt (*exclusive of the Water Loans*), and on such temporary loans as may be needed during the year, 125,000 00

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

For Fuel, Light, Furniture, &c. for the Public Offices; payment of Rewards, cost of Public Celebrations, expenses of Committees, expenses of the Civil Engineer's Department, Legal expenses, support of Paupers in the State Lunatic Hospital and elsewhere; Carriage hire, care and cleaning of the Public Offices and all other expenses not properly chargeable under some other head, 45,000 00

#### JOHNSON SCHOOL HOUSE.

For amount required for building this House, *as per contracts*, and for furnishing the same, 40,000 00

#### LAMPS.

For the cost of Oil, Gas, Wicking, Lanterns, Lamp lighting, Ladders, Torches, rent of Oil Cellar, and all other incidental ex-

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*Amount carried forward,* \$816,600 00

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                           | \$816,600 00 |
| penses of this Department, including the salary of the Superintendent of Lamps and the Superintendent of the Oil Cellar, | 95,000 00    |

## LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |
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| For the gross expenditures of this Institution, <i>as per estimates of the Board of Visitors</i> , all the income from the same, including its claims on the Commonwealth for the support of State Paupers, and its collections from other cities and towns, for support of their citizens, being paid into the City Treasury, | 26,000 00 |
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N. B.—*The pay of the Superintendent of this Establishment, is provided for in the Salary Bill.*

## MARKET HOUSE.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
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| For the contingent expenses of the Market Establishment, such as Fuel, Light, Police, Night Watch, Public Scales and Weigher, and all other incidental expenses of the establishment, except the salary of the Superintendent and the expense of keeping the building in repair, | 3,500 00 |
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## MILITIA BOUNTY.

|                                                                                                                                                          |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| For payment to the citizen soldiers, of Six Dollars and fifty cents each, annually, in conformity with the requirement of the State Law of 2d May, 1849, | 18,000 00 |
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N. B.—*Whatever is advanced by the City on this account, is reimbursed by the State.*

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |
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| For the gross expenditures of this Board, <i>as per their estimates</i> , all their income for the support of the poor of other towns and cities, and for the burial of the State's Poor, being paid into the City Treasury, | 30,000 00 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|

## OLD CLAIMS.

For payment of such bills and accounts against the City as have been audited

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | <u>\$989,100 00</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|

*Amount brought forward,* \$989,100 00

and allowed in former years ; but which  
*not having been called for in those years,*  
 must be provided for in this appropriation  
 bill,

5,000 00

N. B.—*This amount is offset by the item of  
 Unclaimed Drafts in the estimates of  
 Income.*

#### PAVING, GRADING AND REPAIRS OF STREETS.

For the usual expenses of Paving, Repair-  
 ing and Grading Streets, exclusive of the  
 salary of the Superintendent,

195,000 00

#### POLICE.

For the general expense of the Police De-  
 partment, including the Harbor Police, but  
 exclusive of the salaries of the Chief and  
 his Deputies, *as per estimates* ; all the  
 income from the Department, for extra  
 services, &c., to be paid into the City  
 Treasury,

54,000 00

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

For repairs, &c., of the Public Buildings  
 and Wharves belonging to the City, ex-  
 clusive of the School Houses and the  
 County Buildings,

7,500 00

#### PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

For the Printing, Binding, Stationery, &c.  
 required by the City Council, and in the  
 Public Offices,

8,500 00

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

For salaries of the Librarian and others, the  
 purchase of Books, Furniture and other  
 expenditures of the Public Library,

7,000 00

#### RESERVED FUND.

For this amount to be reserved for such pur-  
 poses as the City Council may hereafter  
 decide to appropriate it,

30,000 00

*Amount carried forward,*

\$1,296,100 00



*Amount brought forward,* \$1,296,100 00

## SCHOOLS.

For expenses of all the Schools, such as Salaries, Fuel, apparatus for warming and ventilating; ordinary repairs of School Rooms and School Houses; Furniture, Books, Printing, Stationery, Maps, Philosophical and other Apparatus; care and cleaning the Houses and other incidental expenses, including cost of aiding four Schools for adults, *as per estimates of the School Committee, viz:*

## GRAMMAR AND HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

|                                                             |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Instructors,                                                | 149,000 00       |
| Salary of Sup't,                                            | 2,500 00         |
| Salary of Secretary<br>of Grammar School<br>Committee,      | 500 00           |
| Incidental Expenses<br>and ordinary Re-<br>pairs on Houses, | 38,000 00        |
| One New House at<br>South Boston,                           | 40,000 00        |
| One New House at<br>East Boston,                            | 40,000 00        |
| Extra Alterations<br>and Repairs,                           | 5,000 00         |
|                                                             | <hr/> 275,000 00 |

PRIMARY SCHOOL DE-  
PARTMENT:

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Instructors,         | 75,000 00        |
| Incidental Expenses, | 22,000 00        |
| New Houses,          | 25,200 00        |
|                      | <hr/> 122,200 00 |
|                      | <hr/> 397,200 00 |

## SEWERS AND DRAINS.

For constructing new Common Sewers and Drains, and repairing old ones; new Culverts for Street Drainage, and all other expenses of this Department; all the income from assessments on those bound to

*Amount carried forward,* 

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1,693,300 00

|                                                                           |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                            | \$1,693,300 00 |
| contribute to the cost of these Works, being paid into the City Treasury, | 33,000 00      |

## SALARIES.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| For payment of the Salaries of the City Officers; Permanent and Assistant Assessors; Justices and Clerks of the Police Court; permanent and temporary Clerk hire in the Offices of the Treasurer, Auditor, City Clerk, City Registrar, Assessors, &c., | 80,000 00 |
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## UNLIQUIDATED STREET CLAIMS.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |
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| For payment of outstanding demands against the City, on account of widening and improvement of Streets, <i>being for claims which have accrued for work done under the direction of Committees of previous years</i> , but not yet liquidated, | 50,000 00 |
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## WIDENING AND EXTENDING STREETS.

|                                                                                                                                                      |            |
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| For the expenses attending such widening and improvement of Streets as it may be necessary <i>to make and to pay for</i> during this financial year, | 100,000 00 |
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## WATCH DEPARTMENT.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
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| For pay of the Captain, Officers and Members of the Night Watch; Rent, Repairs and Cleaning of Watch Houses; Fuel, Lights, Apparatus for Warming, Furniture and other incidental expenses of this Department, | 93,000 00 |
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## WATER WORKS.

|                                                                                                                                                              |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| For the necessary expenditures on the Water Works, including the Salaries of all those connected with the Works, <i>as per estimate of the Water Board</i> , | 86,500 00  |
| For Interest on the Water Loan,                                                                                                                              | 270,000 00 |
| For Salaries and Incidental Expenses by the City,                                                                                                            | 4,500 00   |
|                                                                                                                                                              | <hr/>      |
|                                                                                                                                                              | 361,000 00 |

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\$2,410,300 00

*And it was further ordered,* That no expenditure of money for any purpose not contemplated in the present appropriation bill, or which may not be fairly considered as provided for in some one of its specific appropriations, shall be allowed until special provision is made therefor by a vote of the City Council ;—*provided however,* that any sums of money which may be subscribed, or contributed by individuals, to promote the object of any of the foregoing appropriations, and which form no part of the estimated income of the City, shall be strictly applied, according to the intention of the Contributors, and shall be credited to said appropriation accordingly.

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| From the amount thus appropriated, viz,                            | 2,410,300 00 |
| <i>Deduct</i> amount of Income per Auditor's Estimate on page 200, | 568,000 00   |

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| We have the amount to be realized from }<br>Taxation, viz, | \$1,842,300 00 |
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| To obtain which, a Gross Tax of one million,<br>nine hundred and fifty-eight thousand was<br>ordered to be levied, say | 1,958,000 00 |
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| After the passage of the above order, a warrant was received by the Assessors from the State Authorities, commanding them to raise, as the City's Quota of the State Tax, the sum of | 98,691 00 |
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| This amount was, by a subsequent order,<br>also assessed, thus making the whole }<br>Tax amount to | \$2,056,691 00 |
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## WAYS AND MEANS.

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An Estimate of the WAYS and MEANS of meeting the Expenditures of the CITY OF BOSTON and the COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, for the financial year 1854-55.

 *Commencing with the first day of May, 1854, and ending with the last day of April, 1855.*

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### ARMORIES.

Amount receivable from the State in reimbursement of part of the amount to be paid by the City for Rent of Armories, for the Volunteer Militia, *as required by law*, 5,200 00

### BURIAL GROUNDS.

Estimated payment into the City Treasury by the City Registrar, as Superintendent of Burial Grounds ; resulting from Burial Fees ; Fees for the deposit of Dead Bodies in the City Tombs, and other collections by him on this account, 1,200 00

### COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

For Fines, Costs, Fees, &c., payable into the City Treasury by the officers of the various Courts, by the Sheriff of the County, and by the Commonwealth, say, 40,000 00

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*Amount carried forward,* \$46,400 00

*Amount brought forward,* \$46,400 00

### EXTERNAL HEALTH.

Estimated amount to be received from the Port Physician, being the legal fees collectable by him from vessels boarded and inspected, on their arrival here from Foreign Ports, 400 00

### FEES, &c.

From the City Clerk for Fees for Recording Deeds of Personal Property; for use of Faneuil Hall, including the cost of lighting and warming it; Certificates under City Seal, and from the City Registrar for publication of intended marriages, 2,500 00

### HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Estimated amount receivable into the City Treasury from the Overseers of this House, derived from labor of prisoners and collections from other Towns and Cities for support of prisoners for which they are liable, *per estimate of Overseers*, 23,000 00

### HOUSES OF INDUSTRY, REFORMATION, &c.

Amount which will probably be realized by the Treasury from income from these institutions, including what may be received from the Commonwealth for support of State Paupers, 11,400 00

### HAY SCALES.

For the City's half of the Fees receivable at the Public Scales for weighing Hay and other merchandise, 1,350 00

### INTEREST.

Amount receivable for Interest on Bonds and Mortgages due to the City, and on outstanding Taxes, &c., 50,000 00

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*Amount carried forward,* \$135,050 00

*Amount brought forward,* \$135,050 00

### INTERNAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Amount receivable from this Department,  
accruing from the sale of House Offal,  
Street Manure, use of teams employed by,  
and charged to, the Paving Department,  
abating nuisances, &c., 18,500 00

### LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

Amount receivable from this Institution, in-  
cluding its claims against the Common-  
wealth for the support of State Paupers,  
and collections for the support of the Poor  
belonging to other Cities and Towns in  
this State, *per estimate of Visitors,* 20,250 00

### LAMPS.

For collections from the Watch and Fire  
Departments, for supplies of Oil furnished  
to them from the City Oil Cellar, and for  
Oil Casks sold, 600 00

### LICENSES.

Estimated Income from Licenses, viz :

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Carriages, Trucks, Wagons, &c., | 2,300 00 |          |
| Dogs,                           | 1,400 00 |          |
| Public Exhibitions,             | 500 00   |          |
| Intelligence Offices, Sale of   |          |          |
| second hand articles, &c.,      | 200 00   |          |
|                                 | <hr/>    | 4,400 00 |

### MILITIA BOUNTY.

Amount receivable from the Commonwealth  
in reimbursement of what the City may  
be called upon to advance to its Volun-  
teer Militia, under the requirements of the  
laws of 1849, chap. 218, 18,000 00

### OUTSTANDING TAXES.

Estimated amount receivable for outstand-  
ing Taxes, 40,000 00

*Amount carried forward,* \$236,800 00



*Amount brought forward,* \$236,800 00

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Estimated amount receivable from this Board, for proceeds of collections by them for the support of the Poor of other Cities and Towns in this State; and from the State for expenses of burying State Paupers,

• 2,200 00

### PAVING DEPARTMENT.

Amount receivable from this Department for sales of old materials; assessments on individuals for proportion of the cost of laying Sidewalks, &c.,

7,000 00

### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

From the Chief of Police in reimbursement of the expense of Police Officers stationed at various places of public amusement and other places, at the expense of the City,

5,500 00

### RENTS.

Amounts receivable for Rents of the Old State House, Faneuil Hall, Market House, Jail Wharf, and other City property,

70,000 00

### SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Amount receivable from individuals for assessments on them for a portion of the cost of new Common Sewers and for the right to enter old ones; for abatement of nuisances, &c.,

15,000 00

### SCHOOL FUND.

Estimated amount receivable from the State for the City's proportion of the Commonwealth's School Fund,

5,500 00

### UNCLAIMED DRAFTS.

Amount of Bills and accounts against the City which will have been allowed, audited and charged by the Auditor to their

*Amount carried forward,* \$342,000 00

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
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| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$342,000 00 |
| respective appropriations; but which, not<br>being called for at the Treasury Office<br>before the 1st of May, 1855, will have to<br>be re-provided for in the Appropriation<br>Bill of the following year, under the head<br>of " <i>Old Claims</i> ," | 5,000 00     |

N. B. *At the end of every financial year all balances remaining in the Treasury are absorbed by the Sinking Fund, in conformity with the requirements of the ninth section of the Ordinance on Finance, R. O. p. 122; hence the necessity of the above appropriation.*

#### WATER WORKS.

|                                                                                                                                                  |                            |
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| For Revenue from the Water Rates, &c.,<br>and all other sources of Revenue, from<br>this Department, <i>per estimate of the C.<br/>W. Board,</i> | 221,000 00                 |
|                                                                                                                                                  | <hr/> \$568,000 00 <hr/>   |
| Estimated Expenditure,                                                                                                                           | 2,410,300 00               |
| Estimated Income,                                                                                                                                | 568,000 00                 |
| <i>See page 195,</i>                                                                                                                             | <hr/> \$1,842,300 00 <hr/> |

AN ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY  
OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,  
ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 1854.

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BONDS, NOTES AND MORTGAGES.

|                                                                                                                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| One Note and Mortgage, transferred to the City<br>Treasurer by the Committee on the extension of Faneuil Hall Market, due in 1855, | 5,000 00                |
| Bonds and Mortgages on account of Sales of<br>Lands, viz :                                                                         |                         |
| Neck Lands,                                                                                                                        | 455,407 54              |
| City Wharf,                                                                                                                        | 202,724 31              |
| Jail Lands,                                                                                                                        | 47,733 67               |
| Otis School House,                                                                                                                 | 9,900 00                |
| Providence Street Lots,                                                                                                            | 5,640 00                |
| Mason Street Primary School House,                                                                                                 | 566 66                  |
| Moon Street Primary School House,                                                                                                  | 2,260 00                |
| Arsenal Lots,                                                                                                                      | 30,024 00               |
| <br>Total 30th April, 1854,                                                                                                        | <br><u>\$759,256 18</u> |
| <br>Amount of Bonds, &c. on hand last year,                                                                                        | <br>872,674 15          |
| Amount cancelled by agreement with pur-                                                                                            |                         |
| <br><i>Amount carried forward,</i>                                                                                                 | <br><u>\$872,674 15</u> |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>                                                                                                                               |            | \$872,674 15        |
| chasers who have built on Neck Lands—<br>being for discount allowed on their pur-<br>chases,                                                                 | 15,226 26  |                     |
| Amount of City Wharf Bonds re-<br>ceived from the original pur-<br>chaser, which have been ex-<br>changed for the Bonds of other<br>parties to whom he sold, | 224,900 00 |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                              | <hr/>      |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                              | 240,126 26 |                     |
| Amount paid this year,                                                                                                                                       | 259,844 70 |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                              | <hr/>      |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                              |            | 499,970 96          |
|                                                                                                                                                              |            | <hr/>               |
|                                                                                                                                                              |            | 372,703 19          |
| Amount received this year,                                                                                                                                   |            | 386,552 99          |
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| Total as above,                                                                                                                                              |            | <u>\$759,256 18</u> |

## LANDS, BUILDINGS, &amp;c.

*On the 30th of April, 1854.*

THE COMMON and MALLS, containing about forty-eight acres.

FORT HILL, containing       feet, enclosed for a public walk.

PUBLIC GARDEN, on the west side of Charles Street, containing about 1,000,000 feet.

(Contiguous to the above is 230,000 feet of Flats, the fee of which is in the City. These flats are embraced in the limits of the Receiving Basin of the Boston Water Power Company, who have the right of flowage over it.)

FRANKLIN SQUARE, on the east side of Washington Street, containing 105,205 feet.

BLACKSTONE SQUARE, on the west side of Washington Street, containing 105,000 feet.

CHESTER SQUARE, on Chester Street, between Shawmut Avenue and Tremont Street, containing 57,860 feet.

UNION PARK, between Shawmut Avenue, Tremont, Waltham and Chelsea Streets, containing 16,000 feet.

WORCESTER SQUARE, between Washington Street and Harrison Avenue, containing 16,000 feet.

MAVERICK SQUARE, East Boston, containing 22,500 feet, 4,398 enclosed.

CENTRAL SQUARE, East Boston, containing 49,470 feet, 32,310 enclosed.

BELMONT SQUARE, East Boston, containing 30,000 feet, no enclosure.

TELEGRAPH HILL, South Boston, on which the Reservoir stands. Independent of the Reservoir there is a lot containing about 190,000 feet reserved for a Public Walk and which is enclosed with an iron fence.

SQUARES on School Street, in front of City Hall, containing about 10,200 feet.

LOWELL SQUARE, on Cambridge Street, containing 5,772 feet.

TOWN SLIP, Purchase Street, between Foster's and Rowe's wharf. Rented for \$50 per annum.

NECK LANDS, so called, *exclusive of Streets and Squares, viz :*

*South-east of Harrison Avenue.*

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Building and Wharf Lots, | 2,055,880 feet. |
| Dock Lots,               | 166,000         |
| Reserved Lots,           | 45,120          |
|                          | <hr/>           |
|                          | 2,267,000       |
|                          | <hr/>           |

*Between Harrison Avenue and Washington Street.*

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Building Lots, estimated at | 405,891 feet. |
| Reserved Lots, do           | 41,204        |
| Rear of Cemetery, do        | 89,786        |
|                             | <hr/>         |
|                             | 536,881       |
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*Between Washington Street and Shawmut Avenue.*

|                           |             |
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| Building Lots, containing | 9,121 feet. |
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*Between Shawmut Avenue and Tremont Street.*

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Building Lots, estimated at | 661,524 feet. |
| Reserved Lots, do           | 60,932        |
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|                             | 722,456       |
|                             | <hr/>         |

*North-west of Tremont Street.*

|                             |               |
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| Building Lots, estimated at | 803,912 feet. |
| Reserved Lots, do           | 30,841        |
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|                             | 834,753       |
|                             | <hr/>         |

RECAPITULATION OF NECK LANDS.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Saleable Lots estimated at | 4,192,114 feet. |
| Reserved Lots, do          | 178,097         |
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| Total,                     | 4,370,211       |
|                            | <hr/>           |

OTHER SALEABLE LANDS, *viz :*

*Charles Street*, about 19,580 feet in front of the new Jail, on a proposed continuation of Charles Street.

About 8,940 feet of Flats on the west side of Charles Street, at the foot of Mount Vernon Street, part of which is occupied by the Engine House for Engine Company No. 4.



*Tremont Street*, a lot on the west side, opposite the foot of Dover Street, containing 5,138 feet.

*Bradford Street*, 512 feet at the foot of Washington Court; and 438 feet at the foot of Medford Court.

*Gravel Farm*, in Dedham, containing 55 acres 38 rods, with the buildings on the same.

*Lot of Land*, bounded on Dorchester Street and the boundary line of Dorchester, F and 7th Streets, containing about 85,400 feet.

*Wharf Lot*, at East Boston, on Condor Street, 70 feet on said Street, running to Commissioners' line, about 800 feet. Adjoining this is another lot belonging to the Boston Water Works, about 50 feet front on said Street and running down to the Commissioners' line. The two making a front of 120 feet on Condor Street.

*Jail Wharf*—On Cambridge Street and the proposed continuation of Charles Street, containing 30,546 feet, which is now under a lease at \$1,200 per annum till 1st of April, 1857. This is part of the Jail Land Purchase.

*Stone Wharf*—On Commercial Street, adjoining Brown's Wharf near Charlestown Bridge, containing 45,663 feet, with a front of 94 feet 6 inches on Commercial Street.

ISLANDS—*Deer Island*, containing about 134 acres of upland, and about 50 acres of flats, with the New Brick Alms House, two wooden Hospitals, Resident Physician's House, Barn, Wharf and Pier, Receiving House and Boat House on the same, Farming Utensils, Stock, Furniture, Provisions, &c., now used as a House of Industry and a Quarantine Establishment.

*Great Brewster Island*, in the town of Hull, containing about 16 acres.

SCHOONER "*Quarantine*," of 42 tons, with her small Boat, Furniture and other appurtenances for the Quarantine service.

SLOOP "*Ellen Elizabeth*," of about 37 tons, with her appurtenances. She is constantly employed by the Directors of the House of Industry, in conveying Stores and Passengers between the City and the House of Industry and Quarantine Establishment at Deer Island; and the State Poor House on Rainsford Island.

*Boarding Boat* of the Port Physician—an 18 feet Yawl with its appurtenances, used for boarding vessels on their arrival from Foreign Ports, for the examination of their Crews and Cargoes.

**WATER WORKS**—For an account of the Water Works, see pages 184 and 185.

#### BUILDINGS, viz :

**CITY HALL** on School Street and Court Square, with about 18,720 feet of Land in front of the same.

The Building covers 6,010 feet ; the east passage-way contains 1,660 feet, the west passage-way contains 410 feet.

**COURT HOUSE** on Court Street, and Furniture in the same.

The United States Government pay \$3,000 per annum for rent of Court Rooms and United States Marshal's Office in this building. Their lease expires on the 30th June, 1854.

The area enclosed within the Court House fence measures 14,450 feet.

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND PROBATE OFFICES**—in Court Square, and furniture in the same.

**CITY BUILDING**—corner of Court Square and Williams' Court.

*It accommodates the East Division of the City Watch ; the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and the Magnetic Telegraphic Fire Apparatus and attendants ; Overseers of the House of Correction ; Primary School Depository ; the Captain of the Watch ; the Water Registrar ; the City Registrar and Superintendent of Burial Grounds ; the City Physician ; and is also used as a Ward Room for the Citizens of Ward 4.*

**OLD HANCOCK SCHOOL HOUSE**, Hanover Street, affording accommodations for the North Division of the City Watch ; two Primary School Rooms, a Ward Room and a large Hall, now under lease till January 1, 1855, at \$300 per annum.

**NEW STONE JAIL**, on North Grove Street and on Charles Street, as it is contemplated to continue that Street to Leverett Street, containing within its enclosure 143,332 feet, with the Lock-ups attached to the same.

**RECEIVING HOUSE**—being a new Brick building erected on the Jail lot fronting on North Grove Street, intended for the reception of unknown dead bodies ; for holding Coroners' Inquests, &c.

FANEUIL HALL MARKET HOUSE, and Hall over the same,  
Rents 1853-54, \$49,476 00.

FANEUIL HALL, and Stores under it, Rents, \$6,200.

OLD STATE HOUSE, Rents about \$8,955.

THE BRIDGE ESTATE, so called. This is a Wooden Building, at the junction of Tremont Row and Court Street, being one of the Estates purchased in 1847-48, for the purpose of widening those Streets. It is now leased at \$1,200 per annum, till 1st April, 1856.

BUILDING on Harrison Avenue near the City Stables, formerly occupied as a Planing Mill, and known as Urann's Wharf. The Docks having been filled up, this property is no longer available as a Wharf and the Building is now rented.

#### SOUTH BOSTON INSTITUTIONS, viz :

The old House of Industry, The House of Correction, The Lunatic Hospital, and The House of Reformation and Boylston School.

These Institutions occupy an area of about 64 and 1-3 acres of Land; which with the Outhouses and other appendages, the Furniture, Farming Utensils, Fire Engines, Provisions, Stock on hand for manufacturing and other purposes, Horses and other Live Stock, belong to the City.

The whole Property of the City at South Boston, is about 72 acres of Upland and 49 acres of Flats.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES, viz :

LATIN and ENGLISH HIGH in Bedford Street, built in 1844.

*The Latin School was established in 1635, and the High School in 1821.*

#### TWENTY GRAMMAR AND WRITING, viz :

Adams, on Mason street, built in 1848. Altered in 1852-53, so as to accommodate the Public Library, and the Normal School for Girls.

Boylston, on Fort Hill, built in 1818. Rebuilt in 1852-53.

Bowdoin, on Myrtle street, built in 1848.

Brimmer, on Common Street, built in 1843.

Bigelow, on Fourth street, S. Boston, built in 1849-50.

Chapman on Eutaw street, E. Boston, built in 1849-50.

|           |                                                                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dwight,   | on Concord street, built in 1845.                                                 |
| Eliot,    | on North Bennett street, built in 1838.                                           |
| Franklin, | on Washington street, re-built in 1845.                                           |
| Phillips, | on West Centre street, built in 1823.                                             |
| Hancock,  | on Richmond place, built in 1847.                                                 |
| Hawes,    | on Broadway, South Boston, built in 1823.                                         |
| Johnson,  | on Tremont street, rebuilding.                                                    |
| Lyman,    | on Meridian street, E. Boston, built in 1846.                                     |
| Mayhew,   | on Hawkins street, built in 1847.                                                 |
| Mather,   | on Broadway, South Boston, built in 1842.                                         |
| Quincy,   | on Tyler street, built in 1847.                                                   |
| Smith,    | on Belknap street, <i>for colored Children</i> , built in 1834, enlarged in 1849. |
| Wells,    | on Blossom street, built in 1833.                                                 |
| Winthrop, | on East street, built in 1835.                                                    |

*The Grammar School Houses occupy about 202,000 feet of Land by actual survey.*

*N. B. These buildings also furnish separate Rooms for the accommodation of Primary Schools.*

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSES.

*Forty-three of brick and six of wood, viz :*

- Brick House, North Margin street, built in 1837, with accommodations for 2 schools.
- South Margin street, built in 1825, 2 schools.
- Tileston and Short streets, built in 1837, 2 schools.
- Fleet and Moon streets, 1838, 2 schools.
- Odeon place, Franklin street, 1839, 3 schools.
- May street, 1839, 1 school.
- Spring street place, 1839, 2 schools.
- Fort Hill, 1840, 3 schools.
- Rear of Hawes school house, South Boston, 1840, 2 schools.
- Newbern place, Carver street, 1840, 3 schools.
- Hanover avenue, Hanover street, 1842, 3 schools.
- Bennett avenue, North Bennett street, 1842, 2 schools.
- Sumner street, East Boston, 1843, 2 schools.
- May and West Cedar street, 1843, 2 schools.
- Friend street, 1843, 1 school.\*

\* A Ward Room and Hook and Ladder House in this building.

Brick House, Essex place, Essex street, 1845, 3 schools.  
 Blossom street, 1845, 3 schools.  
 Athens street, South Boston, 1845, 3 schools.  
 Lexington street, E. Boston, 1846, 3 schools.  
 Thacher street, 1846, 3 schools.  
 Lane place, Fort Hill, 1847, 4 schools.  
 Lane place, 1852, 4 schools.  
 Southac street, 1852, 4 schools.  
 South Cedar & Church street, 1847, 3 schools.  
 Williams street, 1847, 3 schools.  
 Charter street, 1847, 3 schools.  
 Ingraham school house, Sheafe street, 1848,  
 3 schools.  
 Silver street, South Boston, 1848, 6 schools.  
 Genesee street, 1848, 3 schools.  
 Boylston street, (in the rear,) 1849, 4 schools.  
 Groton street, (in the rear,) 1852, 6 schools.  
 Cross street, *in the rear. The building rented*  
*last year for a dwelling house.* 2 schools.  
 Webster street, East Boston, 1852, 6 schools.  
 South street court, South street, 3 schools.  
 Paris street, East Boston, 1849, 3 schools.  
 East street place, East street, 1849, 4 schools.  
 Charter street, 1849, 3 schools.  
 Hudson street, 1850, 4 schools.  
 East Orange street, 1850, 3 schools.  
 Fourth street, South Boston, 1850, 4 schools.  
 Rutland street, 1850, 6 schools.  
 Hanover street, rear Methodist Church, 1851,  
 3 schools.  
 Gun House, Fort Hill, 1850, 3 schools.  
 Wall street, 1852-53, 6 schools.  
 Paris street, 1852-53, 4 schools.  
 Warren street,\* 1853-54, 3 schools.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSES of Wood, viz :

Purchase place and Lane place, 2 schools ; Castle street,  
 1 school ; Northampton street, 1 school ; Western  
 avenue, 1 school ; Dedham street, 1 school ; Worcester  
 street, 1 school.

*The Primary School Houses occupy about 164,500 feet of  
 land.*

\* Engine House and Ward Room in this building.



WATCH HOUSES and the Furniture in the same, viz :

BRICK HOUSE, BROADWAY, South Boston—for the accommodation of the *South Boston Division* of the Watch. This building also accommodates Engine Company No. 16.

BRICK HOUSE, on Paris and Meridian streets, East Boston, for the accommodation of the *East Boston Division*. This building also accommodates Engine Company No. 9 ; Hydrant Company No. 6, and a Ward Room for Ward 2.

WOODEN HOUSE on Canton street, for the accommodation of the *South Division*.

*The Eastern Division of the City Watch* is accommodated with rooms in the City Building, Court Square.

*The West Division* is accommodated in a hired building in Leverett street.

*The Boylston Division* is accommodated in hired rooms in Boylston square.

*The North Division* is accommodated in the Old Hancock School House, Hanover street.

ENGINE HOUSES—Fourteen, located as follows, viz : one each on Salem, Commercial, Purchase, Wall, Hudson, foot of Mount Vernon, East, Shawmut avenue, Washington, and Warren street, in Primary School House ; three at East Boston, and two at South Boston.

HOOK AND LADDER HOUSES—One near the City Stables on Harrison Avenue ; one on Friend street, in Primary School House ; and one at East Boston.

FIRE ENGINES—Twelve in active service, and two in reserve.

MAGNETIC FIRE ALARM APPARATUS, in the City Building, whole cost over \$20,000.

FIRE HOOKS—Eight.

FIRE LADDERS—Eighty-six, of different sizes.

HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGES—Three.

HOSE CARRIAGES—Thirty-eight.

HOSE—About twenty-one thousand and eight hundred feet of Leading and Suction Hose.

FIRE BUCKETS—One hundred and forty-five.



**THE ENGINES, HOSE, CAPS, BADGES, AXES, TRUMPETS,** and all the other Apparatus used by the Fire Department, are owned by the City, and are under the care and control of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

**RESERVOIRS**—One hundred and thirty-three, of which, thirteen are located at East Boston; seventeen at South Boston, and the balance in the different wards of the City. They contain from 300 to 400 hogsheads each, and are generally filled with rain water from the roofs of buildings, &c.

**HYDRANTS**—For supplying water in case of Fire; 824 in the City proper; 192 at South Boston, and 146 at East Boston. Total, 1,162.

**WELLS AND PUMPS**—Seven belonging to the City.

#### CITY STABLES.

The South Stables, on Harrison avenue, between Canton and Brookline streets, with a large and convenient *Depot*, built in 1849, for the reception and delivery of over 2,500 Loads of House Offal per annum. The old *Depot* is now used as a Store House for the Wagons, and for other purposes.

The North Stables, on the "*Stone Wharf*," Commercial street, where part of the Horses and Carts are now kept.

*The following property, in charge of the Superintendent of Internal Health, is used by the Paving Department, and by the Internal Health Department, as occasions require.*

82 Horses, with harnesses, including one owned by the superintendent.

63 Carts, for collecting Ashes, Street Dirt, &c.

23 one Horse Wagons, for collecting House Offal, &c.

10 large size Wagons, for conveying the same out of the City.

35 box Sleds, for collecting Ashes and House Offal.

2 Caravans for carting Stone, &c.

125 Picks, and 10 Crow Bars.

155 Shovels, and 80 Street Hoes.

2 Job Wagons.

2 Covered Wagons and one covered Sleigh, used for conveying persons to the Institutions at South Boston.

1 Chaise and Harness, for use of Superintendent.

1 Sleigh.

5 small Sleds, for removing Snow.

1 Truck and 10 Wheelbarrows.

Stable Stock and Furniture.


Stock of Hay and Grain.

Stock and Tools in Mechanics' Shops.

About 10,000 feet Oak Plank and Boards.

About 1,000 tons of Paving Stones and Paving Blocks.

About 300 tons Paving Gravel.

 *Connected with these Stables, are Blacksmith, Wheelwright and Harness-makers' Shops, in which all the Wagons, Carts, Harnesses, &c., used by the Internal Health and by the Paving Departments, are constructed and kept in repair.*

*Prisoners and Paupers are conveyed to and from the Institutions at South Boston, and to the Deer Island Boat, by vehicles furnished by the City Stables, and at the expense of the Internal Health Department.*

#### HAY SCALES.

One on south corner of East Brookline street and Harrison avenue; and one on Haymarket square.

#### POUNDS.

One on Tremont, near Springfield street; one at East Boston, and one at South Boston.

#### SCALES AND WEIGHTS.

In Public use at the Market House.

#### STANDARD WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

One set in charge of the City Sealer; one set in the County Treasury Office, furnished by the State, in conformity with the Act of 10th May, 1848.

#### COMMON SEWERS.

About 239,600 feet laid by the City, and under its exclusive control.

#### LAMPS.

961 Oil Lamps, and 2,010 Gas Lamps, with the Ladders, Torches, Oil Cans, &c., used by the Lamplighters.

*Lamps, Oil Cans, Measures, Cannisters, and other Furniture in use in the Oil Cellar. On the 30th April, there was on hand about 1,033 gallons of Oil, and about 2,730 gallons empty Oil Casks.*

## BURIAL GROUNDS.

Eight, viz: the *South*, on the Neck; the *Central*, on the Common; the *Granary* and the *Chapel*, on Tremont street; one on Copp's Hill; one at *South Boston* and one at *East Boston*.

## TOMBS.

Sixty-one in the South Burial Ground.

One Infant Tomb, in the South Burial Ground.

Two Infant Tombs in the North Burial Ground.


One for Adults and one for Infants in the Granary Burial Ground.

One in the Chapel Burial Ground, for Infants.

One in the Central Burial Ground, for Infants.

Three Receiving Tombs at East Boston.

Thirty-eight Free Tombs in the South Burial Ground, for Burial of the Poor.

 *No Graves are now allowed to be dug in any part of the City proper; and, by an order passed 14th March, 1853, no interments were to be allowed, after 1st July ensuing, in the Chapel, Granary, and Hull street Burial Grounds; nor under the following Churches, viz: Chapel, Trinity, Christ, St. Paul's, and Park street.*

## FUNERAL CARS AND HARNESES—Seven.

SHOVELS, SPADES, PICKAXES, SCYTHES, Iron and Wooden Rakes, Iron Chains, Hand Carts, Wheelbarrows, Ladders, and other tools and utensils in charge of the Superintendent of the Common and Public Squares, for the use of his department, as per Schedule on file.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

*The following articles are in charge of the Chief of Police, and are kept for use in his Department, viz:*

Thirty-three Iron Stakes, with Ropes, and about 700 feet of Chains attached, used for the purpose of closing up Streets, and for other purposes, on occasions which require such precaution.

About 150 fathoms of Rope.

Two Sledge Hammers.

Poles, Badges, Batons, &c., used by the Police Officers.

AMERICAN FLAGS—Three large American Ensigns, which are displayed on the Common, Faneuil Hall, and City Hall, on public occasions.

## STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN FUND,


FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF

YOUNG MARRIED MECHANICS,

*As it stood on the 31st of December, 1853.*

DR. FRANKLIN, in his will, gave the inhabitants of Boston, in 1791, One Thousand Pounds Sterling—which he directed to be loaned in sums of not more than £60, nor less than £15, to one applicant; to be repaid in annual instalments of 10 per cent. each, with 5 per cent. interest. These loans are restricted to “young Married Artificers under the age of 25, who have faithfully served an apprenticeship in Boston, so as to obtain a certificate of good moral character, from at least two respectable citizens, who are willing to become their sureties in a Bond for the repayment of the money.”

|                                                                            |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Amount of Eight Bonds in the hands of WILLIAM MINOT, Esq., the Treasurer,* | 1,129 00    |
| Amount deposited with the Hospital Life Insurance Company,                 | 55,801 50   |
| Amount deposited in the Provident Institution for Savings,                 | 192 00      |
| Amount deposited in the Suffolk Institution for Savings,                   | 177 00      |
|                                                                            | <hr/>       |
|                                                                            | 57,299 50   |
| Balance due the Treasurer,                                                 | 13 60       |
|                                                                            | <hr/>       |
| Amount this year,                                                          | 57,285 90   |
| Amount last year,                                                          | 54,280 55   |
|                                                                            | <hr/>       |
| Increase,                                                                  | \$ 3,005 35 |

\*  The office of the Treasurer of this Fund, WILLIAM MINOT, Esq., is in *Minot's Building*, No. 39 Court St.

## FRANKLIN SCHOOL-MEDAL FUND.

*This is a Legacy by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, in the year 1790, the Interest on which, since 1792 has been invested in Silver Medals, and distributed at the Annual Examination of the Schools, among the most deserving Boys in the*  
WRITING AND GRAMMAR DEPARTMENTS.

One Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,  
payable in the year 1860, for \$1,000 00

## LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

*This is a donation from Hon. ABBOTT LAWRENCE, in the year 1844, the Interest on which is paid annually to the Sub-Committee of the ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL for the time being ; and is by them distributed in Prizes for the best performances in the various branches of Literature and Science taught in that institution ; and in such other Rewards to the Scholars in that School as the Committee shall recommend.*

One Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,  
payable in the year 1865, for \$2,000 00

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## LAWRENCE LATIN SCHOOL FUND.

*This is a donation from Hon. ABBOTT LAWRENCE, in the year 1844, the Interest on which is paid annually to the "Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL for the time being," and is distributed in Prizes for the general encouragement of the Scholars, in such a way as the Sub-Committee of that School shall consider advisable.*

One Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,  
payable in the year 1865, for \$2,000 00

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## LATIN SCHOOL PRIZE FUND.

*This is a donation from a number of Gentlemen of Boston in the year 1819, the Interest on which is invested in Prizes for distribution annually, among the most deserving Scholars in the PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL.*

One Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,  
payable in the year 1860, for \$1,050 00



## WEBB'S FRANKLIN SCHOOL FUND.

*This is a legacy by RUFUS WEBB, Esq., in the year 1828.*

MR. WEBB was a WRITING MASTER in one of our Public Schools.

*The Income from this Fund is applied to the purchase of Books, &c., for the use of the Indigent Scholars in the WRITING DEPARTMENT OF THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL.*

One Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,  
payable in the year 1855, for \$1,000 00

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## SMITH FUND.

*This was a legacy by ABIEL SMITH, Esq., of Boston, who died in 1815, to the SELECTMEN of the TOWN OF BOSTON, for the time being.*

*The Income from this Fund is appropriated towards the support of the SMITH SCHOOL "for the Free Instruction of COLORED CHILDREN, in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic."*

A Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,  
payable in the year 1860, for \$4,000 00

Seven Shares in Suffolk Bank, Boston, par value, \$700 00

Thirteen Shares in the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation, par value, \$1,300 00

Six Shares in the Rhode Island Bridge Company.

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## POOR WIDOWS' FUND.

*This is a donation from MRS. JOANNA BROOKER and others to the Selectmen of Boston for the time being.*

*The Income from this Fund is paid over, in equal proportions, to the Aldermen of the City; and they distribute the same, at their discretion, for the relief of POOR WIDOWS AND SICK PEOPLE.*



|                                                                                |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| One Certificate of City Six per cent. Stock,<br>payable in the year 1858, for  | \$1,500 00        |
| One Certificate of City Five per cent. Stock,<br>payable in the year 1865, for | \$1,166 66        |
|                                                                                | <hr/>             |
|                                                                                | <u>\$2,666 66</u> |

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### LIBRARY FUNDS.

**THE BIGELOW FUND.**—*This is a donation made by Hon. JOHN P. BIGELOW, in August, 1850, when Mayor of the City.*

*The Income from this Fund is to be appropriated to the purchase of Books for the increase of the Library.*

|                                                                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| One Certificate of City Six per cent. Stock, for                                          | \$1,000 00 |
| <i>Payable to the Chairman of the Committee on the Public Library for the time being.</i> |            |

**THE BATES FUND.**—*This is a donation made by JOSHUA BATES, Esq., of LONDON, in March, 1853.*

*“The Income only on this Fund is to be, in each and every year expended in the purchase of such Books of permanent value and authority as may be found most needful, and most useful.”*

|                                                             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| One Certificate of City Six per cent. Stock, for            | \$50,000 00 |
| <i>Payable to the Mayor of the City for the time being.</i> |             |

**THE PHILLIPS FUND.**—*This is a donation made by the Hon. JONATHAN PHILLIPS of BOSTON, in April, 1853.*

*The interest on this Fund is to be used exclusively for the purchase of Books for the said Library.*

|                                                             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| One Certificate of City Six per cent. Stock, for            | \$10,000 00 |
| <i>Payable to the Mayor of the City for the time being.</i> |             |



## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

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*Treasurer's Office, May 11, 1854.*

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor of presenting herewith my accounts, as Treasurer of the City and County, for the financial year ending April 30th.

Very Respectfully,

Your obed't Servant,

FREDERIC U. TRACY.

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## CITY OF BOSTON.

*In Common Council, May 18, 1854.*

Referred to the Committee on the Treasury Department.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, May 22, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*



to April 30th, 1854, with F. U. TRACY, City Treasurer. CR.

| 1854.     |                                                                     |    |                |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------|
| April 30. | By Cash received and credited to the following appropriations, viz: |    |                |
|           | Bonds,                                                              |    |                |
|           | payments on the same, - - - -                                       | 60 | \$259,844 70   |
|           | Burial Grounds,                                                     |    |                |
|           | from City Registrar, - - - -                                        | 61 | 1,475 25       |
|           | Bridges.                                                            |    |                |
|           | from Superintendent, - - - -                                        | 62 | 25 00          |
|           | Common, Malls, &c.,                                                 |    |                |
|           | from Superintendent, - - - -                                        |    | 30 00          |
|           | from rent of Public Garden, - -                                     |    | 1,600 00       |
|           | from other sources, - - - -                                         |    | 628 00         |
|           |                                                                     | 63 | 2,258 00       |
|           | City Debt,                                                          |    |                |
|           | for Loans obtained by order of City Council,                        | 64 | 944,118 00     |
|           | City Registrar,                                                     |    |                |
|           | for Publishments, - - - -                                           | 65 | 1,522 00       |
|           | City Clerk,                                                         |    |                |
|           | for License fees, &c., - - - -                                      | 66 | 1,017 32       |
|           | External Health,                                                    |    |                |
|           | from Port Physician, - - - -                                        | 67 | 383 00         |
|           | Engine Houses,                                                      |    |                |
|           | from Auditor, - - - -                                               |    | 25 73          |
|           | for sale of old Engine Houses, -                                    |    | 745 00         |
|           |                                                                     | 68 | 770 73         |
|           | Fire Department,                                                    |    |                |
|           | from Auditor, - - - -                                               |    | 152 97         |
|           | from Engineer, - - - -                                              |    | 125 17         |
|           |                                                                     | 69 | 278 14         |
|           | Grammar Schools,                                                    |    |                |
|           | from Auditor, - - - -                                               |    | 149 41         |
|           | for sale of Furniture, - - - -                                      |    | 329 18         |
|           | balance of last year's appropriations for Boylston School, -        |    | 292 92         |
|           |                                                                     | 70 | 771 51         |
|           | Grammar School Houses,                                              |    |                |
|           | for the sale of Johnson School House, -                             | 71 | 975 00         |
|           | House of Correction,                                                |    |                |
|           | from Overseers, - - - -                                             | 72 | 23,558 08      |
|           | House of Industry,                                                  |    |                |
|           | from Commonwealth, - - - -                                          |    | 16,626 72      |
|           | from Directors, - - - -                                             |    | 7,620 97       |
|           | from Auditor, - - - -                                               |    | 13 00          |
|           |                                                                     | 73 | 24,260 69      |
|           | Hay Weighing,                                                       |    |                |
|           | for Weighing fees, - - - -                                          | 74 | 1,471 28       |
|           | Internal Health,                                                    |    |                |
|           | from Auditor, - - - -                                               |    | 6 00           |
|           | for sale of House Offal, - - - -                                    |    | 8,500 00       |
|           | for sale of Wagons, &c., - - - -                                    |    | 483 11         |
|           | for Work done for Paving Department, - - - -                        |    | 5,715 25       |
|           | for abating Nuisances, - - - -                                      |    | 2,502 09       |
|           | from late Superintendent, - -                                       |    | 1,783 25       |
|           |                                                                     | 75 | 18,989 70      |
|           | Amount carried forward, - - - -                                     |    | \$1,281,718 40 |









CITY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, *continued.*

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|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|-----------|----|---------------------------------------|-----------|----|---------|----|-----|-------------|----|
| 1854.     |    |                                       |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
| April 30. | By | Amount brought forward,               | -         | -  | -       | -  |     | \$1,507,167 | 14 |
|           |    | Sewers and Drains,                    |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | from Superintendent,                  | -         | -  | 1,727   | 18 |     |             |    |
|           |    | from sundry persons for assess-       |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | ments on Drains, -                    | -         | -  | 18,829  | 99 |     |             |    |
|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    | 89  | 20,557      | 17 |
|           |    | School Fund,                          |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | from Commonwealth, -                  | -         | -  | -       | -  | 89½ | 5,745       | 85 |
|           |    | Taxes,                                |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | Collected for the year 1853,          | 1,511,129 | 01 |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | for previous years, -                 | 35,096    | 21 |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    | 90  | 1,546,225   | 22 |
|           |    | Temporary Loan, 1853-54,              |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | Amount obtained for the ordinary pur- |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | poses of the City, by order of City   |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | Council, -                            | -         | -  | -       | -  | 91  | 291,800     | 00 |
|           |    | Widening Streets,                     |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | from Auditor, -                       | -         | -  | 1,177   | 05 |     |             |    |
|           |    | for Rents, -                          | -         | -  | 133     | 25 |     |             |    |
|           |    | refunded on an overpayment for        |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | land damages, -                       | -         | -  | 349     | 31 |     |             |    |
|           |    | contribution from proprietors of      |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | Estates on London Street, -           | -         | -  | 750     | 00 |     |             |    |
|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    | 92  | 2,409       | 61 |
|           |    | Watch,                                |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | from Auditor, -                       | -         | -  | -       | -  | 93  | 15          | 99 |
|           |    | Water Works,                          |           |    |         |    |     |             |    |
|           |    | from Water Board, -                   | -         | -  | 4,740   | 33 |     |             |    |
|           |    | Water Rates, -                        | -         | -  | 206,736 | 22 |     |             |    |
|           |    | Shutting off Water, -                 | -         | -  | 626     | 00 |     |             |    |
|           |    | Mortgage Notes paid in, -             | -         | -  | 1,240   | 00 |     |             |    |
|           |    | Interest on Mortgage Notes, -         | -         | -  | 335     | 12 |     |             |    |
|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    | 94  | 213,677     | 67 |
|           |    | Auditor of Accounts, -                | -         | -  | -       | -  | 95  | 900         | 00 |
|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    |     | 3,588,498   | 65 |
|           |    | Cash on hand May 1, 1853, -           | -         | -  | -       | -  |     | 318,683     | 55 |
|           |    |                                       |           |    |         |    |     | \$3,907,182 | 20 |

Errors Excepted.

FREDERIC U. TRACY, *City Treasurer*

DR. COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, in Account Current, from May 1, 1853, to April 30, 1854, with F. U. TRACY, County Treasurer. CR.

| 1854.     |                                                           | 1854.     |                                                                                        |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 30. | To Cash paid as follows, viz:                             | April 30. | By Cash received as follows, viz:                                                      |
|           | On Mayor's Drafts through the Auditor's Office, - - - - - | 27,779 48 | From Sheriff, for Fines and Costs received by him in the Municipal Court, - - - - -    |
|           | On Drafts by the Board of County Accounts, - - - - -      | 1,896 04  | From Deputy Jailor, for Fines and Costs received by him, - -                           |
|           | Witnesses, Jurors, &c., - - -                             | 82,080 51 | For Jail Rent, - - - - -                                                               |
|           | Balance Jail Accounts, - - -                              | 22,288 97 | From Justices in Chelsea, - -                                                          |
|           |                                                           |           | From Clerk in Police Court, viz:                                                       |
|           |                                                           |           | Fines and Costs in Police Court,                                                       |
|           |                                                           |           | Fees in Justices Court, - - -                                                          |
|           |                                                           |           | 108 9,848 88                                                                           |
|           |                                                           |           | 109 2,761 93                                                                           |
|           |                                                           |           |                                                                                        |
|           |                                                           |           | From Master of House of Correction, - - - - -                                          |
|           |                                                           |           | 110 550 51                                                                             |
|           |                                                           |           | From Clerk of Municipal Court, for half surplus Fees, - - -                            |
|           |                                                           |           | 111 1,976 10                                                                           |
|           |                                                           |           | From Clerks in Sup. Jud. Court and Court of Common Pleas, for half surplus Fees, - - - |
|           |                                                           |           | 112 1,858 23                                                                           |
|           |                                                           |           | From Commonwealth, for County Balances, - - -                                          |
|           |                                                           |           | 113 21,573 56                                                                          |
|           |                                                           |           | From Peclars, - - - - -                                                                |
|           |                                                           |           | 114 4 00                                                                               |
|           |                                                           |           | From Clerk in Court of Common Pleas, for Fines, - - - - -                              |
|           |                                                           |           | 115 8 00                                                                               |
|           |                                                           |           | From Auditor, - - - - -                                                                |
|           |                                                           |           | 116 14 00                                                                              |
|           |                                                           |           |                                                                                        |
|           |                                                           |           | Balance, - - - - -                                                                     |
|           |                                                           |           | 47,398 11                                                                              |
|           |                                                           |           | 86,646 89                                                                              |
|           |                                                           |           |                                                                                        |
|           |                                                           |           | \$134,045 00                                                                           |
|           |                                                           |           |                                                                                        |
|           |                                                           |           | \$86,646 89                                                                            |

April 30. To Balance, - - - - -

BOSTON, APRIL 30, 1854.

FREDERIC U. TRACY, County Treasurer.

DR. TREASURER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND COUNTY OF SUFFOLK Cr.

|                    |                                                                        |                     |                    |                                                                             |                     |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1854.<br>April 30. | To Balance, as per Account Current<br>with the City of Boston, . . . . | 513,374 13          | 1854.<br>April 30. | By Balance, as per Account Current with the County<br>of Suffolk, . . . . . | 86,646 89           |
|                    |                                                                        |                     |                    | Balance, Cash on hand, . . . . .                                            | 426,727 24          |
|                    |                                                                        | <u>\$513,374 13</u> |                    |                                                                             | <u>\$513,374 13</u> |
| 1854.<br>April 30. | To Balance, being Cash on hand, -                                      | \$426,727 24        |                    |                                                                             |                     |

BOSTON, APRIL 30, 1854.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

FREDERIC U. TRACY, *City and County Treasurer*

The Joint Standing Committee on the Treasury Department, to whom was referred the statement of accounts of the City and County Treasurer, for the financial year ending April 30, 1854, having attended to the duty assigned them,

### R E P O R T :

That they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, comparing the several items with the entries in the Books at the office, and that the same appears to be correctly vouched and accurately stated.

The amount of Bonds and Notes on hand on the 30th April last, was Seven hundred and fifty-nine thousand, two hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighteen cents, (\$759,256 18.)

The amount of Cash on hand, at the same time was Four hundred and twenty-six thousand, seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-four cents, (\$426,727 24.)

|                                                       |   |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| TISDALE DRAKE,<br>FARNHAM PLUMMER,<br>J. AMORY DAVIS, | } | <i>Committee.</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|

*In Common Council, June 1, 1854.*

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, June 6, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*



## OLD REPORTS.

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GENTLEMEN having in their possession copies of the Financial Reports of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN, or of the COMMITTEES ON FINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON, *of a date prior to 1818*, will confer a favor on the City by handing them to the Auditor of Accounts, City Hall.

It is desirable to obtain, and preserve for the use of the City, one or more *Complete Sets* of the Printed Annual Reports of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES, from the commencement of the present series, which was in the year 1812.

Several numbers of these early Reports are yet wanted to enable the Auditor to make up one perfect set for the use of the City.

Copies of the Auditor's Reports, of the numbers mentioned below, will also be very acceptable, as few or none of them now remain on hand, and complete files, or odd numbers, are frequently called for.

To those gentlemen who have heretofore furnished the Auditor with desirable numbers of Old Reports, he takes this opportunity to tender his thanks.

### *Reports wanted at Auditor's Office.*

Nos. 7 to 11 inclusive.

13, 19, 22 to 26 inclusive.

33, 34, 36 and 37.

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| County Expenditures, - - -  | 111          | Grammar School Houses, -    | 41, 100     |
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BOSTON AND CHELSEA,  
MIDDLESEX, AND DORCHESTER AVENUE  
RAILROAD COMPANIES.

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*In Common Council, June 18, 1854.*

The following Reports having been read, were laid  
on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*

CHELSEA RAILROAD COMPANY.

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The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of John Low and others, asking for the acceptance by the City Council of an Act to incorporate the "Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company," having considered the subject,

## R E P O R T :

That the same should be accepted, and recommend the passage of the following Order.

For the Committee,

FARNHAM PLUMMER.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, July 13th, 1854.*

*Ordered*, That the Act to incorporate the "Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company," passed April 29th, 1854, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council; *provided* that such acceptance shall not be construed as fixing or locating any track within this City.



MIDDLESEX RAILROAD COMPANY.

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The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of James Lee and another, praying for the acceptance by the City Council of an Act to incorporate the Middlesex Railroad Company, approved April 29, 1854, having considered the subject and heard the parties,

## REPORT:

That said Act should be accepted, and recommend the passage of the following Order.

For the Committee,

FARNHAM PLUMMER.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, July 13th, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the Act to incorporate the Middlesex Railroad Company be and the same is hereby accepted; *provided*, that such acceptance by the City Council shall not be construed as fixing or locating any track within the City of Boston.

DORCHESTER AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Cheever Newhall and John J. May, in favor of the acceptance by the City Council of an Act to incorporate the "Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company," having considered the subject and heard the parties,

R E P O R T :

That said Act of incorporation should be accepted, and recommend the passage of the following Order.

For the Committee,

FARNHAM PLUMMER.

C I T Y O F B O S T O N .

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*In Common Council, July 13th, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the Act to incorporate the "Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company," passed April 29th, 1854, be and the same is hereby accepted; *provided,* that such acceptance shall not be deemed as fixing or locating any track within the City of Boston.

*City Document.—No. 61.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**SUFFOLK AND SHAWMUT  
GAS LIGHT COMPANIES.**

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*July 18, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:           S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,  
Monday, July 18th, 1854.*

The Committee on Paving, to which was referred the petitions of the Suffolk and Shawmut Gas Companies, for leave to lay down pipes in our streets, and the remonstrance of the Boston Gas Light Company against the same, have considered the subject, and

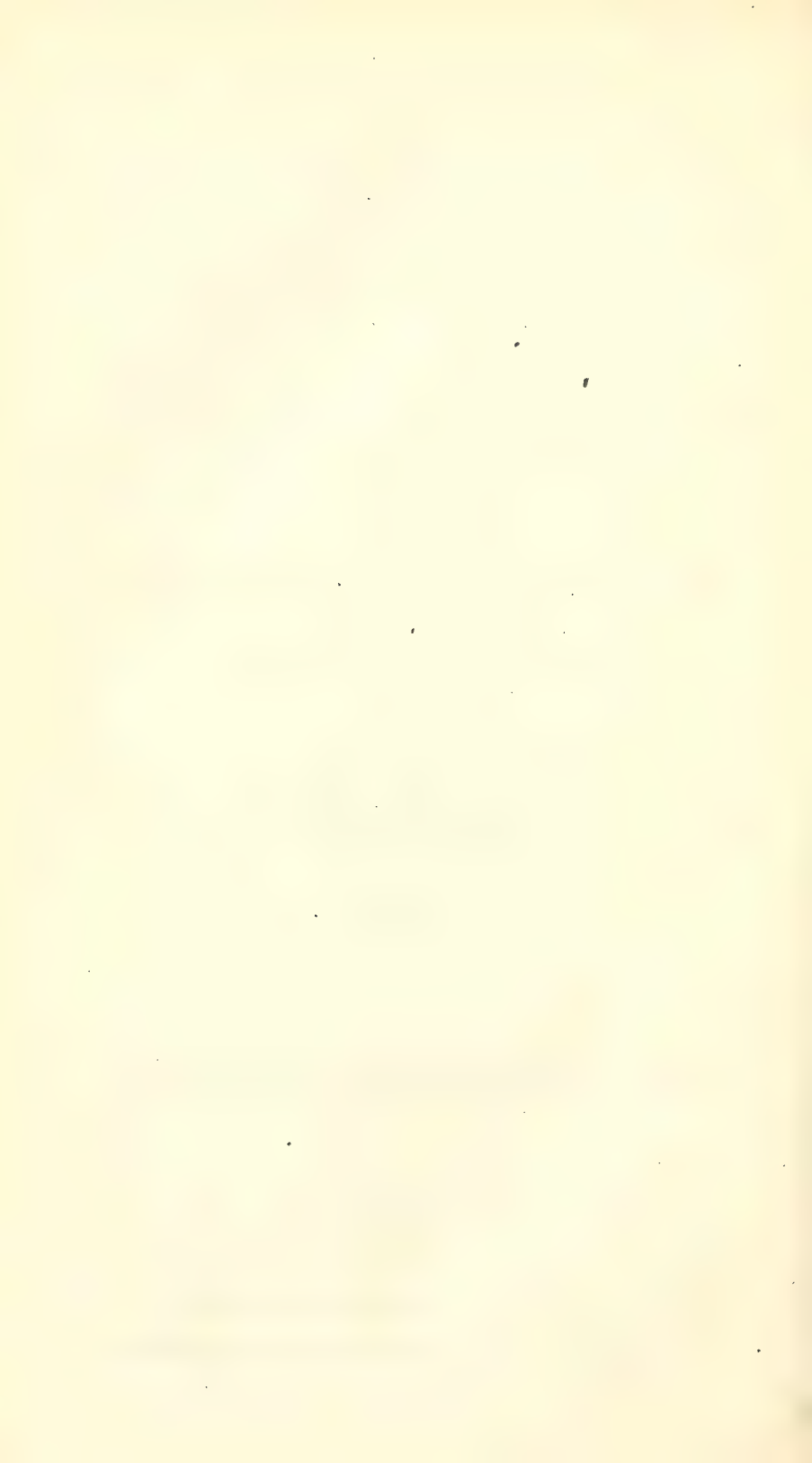
### R E P O R T :

The Boston Gas Light Company have had the exclusive privilege of furnishing gas to the citizens of Boston for several years, and their works are now in such a state of perfection that they need fear but little from the competition of other and new companies. The advantages of their long and varied experience; the favorable location of their works; the enhanced value of their real estate, owing to the many public and private improvements initiated and completed by our enterprising citizens, give them an almost overpowering superiority in any contest for business with a new company. No valid objection can be interposed by them, on the score of "vested rights," as the City has settled that principle, after a protracted and earnest

contest with the Boston Aqueduct Corporation. In view then of the rapid growth of our City, and the contemplated and certain annexation of surrounding cities and towns at no distant date, we think the time has come for another Gas Company to be established in our midst. Other cities have a plurality of Gas Companies, and we are satisfied that business enough for two of them will be found in our city, and they can work together in generous and harmonious rivalry. The only important objection that need be mentioned, is an apprehension lest our streets and underground City works, during the progress of laying and repairing the pipes of the new Company, might be seriously disturbed. This is an important consideration, but should not be one, in our judgment, to override the good that will result to the citizens by the establishment of another company. It is also sufficient reply to this objection, that the work of taking up the pavement, &c. will be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets, acting under the orders of the Committee on Paving, and that all the expense thereof, and the damages consequent thereto, will be borne by the Company. The Committee believe that the public good would be promoted by the establishment in this City of another Gas Company, and they have the presumption to suppose that they and their successors can arrange this matter so as to place no material obstruction to the travel and trade of the City, and no injury to its streets or underground works. In view of the foregoing considerations, they recommend the passage of the following Order.

For the Committee,

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*





## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, July 24, 1854.*

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, for assistance in the construction of their Avenue, having considered the subject, submit the following

### R E P O R T :

The petitioners ask the City for aid in the construction, from the City proper to South Boston, of a new street, which is to be laid out and dedicated to the public, free of tolls, &c.

Said Avenue will be about one mile in length, and from sixty to seventy feet in width, and is to be constructed from some convenient point in Sea street to South Boston.

The petitioners do not ask for any land damages, or for the expense of constructing the Avenue: but inasmuch as a very great expense must be incurred in the whole work, and as it will be also necessary to make an expensive bridge over Fore Point Channel, and to purchase at a high price the land lying between Fore Point Channel and Sea Street, they ask for some aid from the City in this enterprise.

Your Committee appreciate the full value to the City of the proposed new Avenue, and if, by the payment of

the estimated cost of constructing it for a few hundred feet, the City can secure to its use an Avenue one mile in length, and at least sixty feet wide, it must be deemed a very desirable arrangement for the City.

There has been for a long time, an imperative demand for a new street to South Boston: but the legal difficulty of constructing a new street over tide water has been the principal obstacle which has hitherto prevented the laying out of such a street. This legal difficulty is obviated by the Charter of the petitioners, which gives them express authority to construct a bridge over Fore Point Channel. The Avenue is also advantageous to the City, as it will bring the large and valuable property of the City in South Boston practically a mile nearer to the City proper.

The importance of the Avenue to the City is well established, and it engaged the attention of the last City Council, who passed the resolve which is annexed hereto, together with a report in favor of extending the desired aid to the petitioners to the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars. But this action occurred so late in the year that the official connection of one party to the agreement terminated before any further arrangements could be made respecting the subject.

Your committee, in resuming the matter, think that it is for the evident interest of the City to expend this sum, or even a much larger one, if this great and desirable work can be thereby accomplished; but inasmuch as the last City Council recommended the payment of the sum of sixty thousand dollars only, your Committee do not deem it prudent to exceed that sum.

In addition to the other advantages to be derived from this Avenue, your Committee have thought it proper to require from the petitioners the right of

drainage into Fore Point Channel from the Avenue on the easterly side.

The Committee also propose to secure, in the same manner and without any additional expense to the City, Granite Street, in South Boston, as a public highway—which street has been laid out, by the proprietors of the Boston Wharf, fifty feet wide, and runs from First Street to the proposed Avenue.

To carry out these views your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders.

For the Committee,

JOSIAH DUNHAM, JR., *Chairman.*

*Ordered,* That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to execute in behalf of the City a contract with the Boston Wharf Company, to be approved by the City Solicitor, whereby it shall be agreed that the Boston Wharf Company shall lay out or cause to be laid out, build or cause to be built, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, the street from Sea Street, between Foundry and Wales's Wharves, to Fore Point Channel, the Bridge across said Channel, and the avenue east of Fore Point Channel to Granite Street, which are provided for by the Charter of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, said street, bridge and avenue to be at least sixty feet wide, and said work to be completed within one year from the date of the contract, and for the same the City shall agree to pay to the Boston Wharf Company the sum of sixty thousand dollars when said work shall be completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and when said Company shall release to the City the said Granite Street, made

and completed fifty feet wide, the bridge and avenue running northwesterly to Sea Street, together with all necessary drainage through said streets and avenue.

*Ordered,* That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to execute in behalf of the City of Boston a contract with the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, to be approved by the City Solicitor, whereby it shall be agreed that said Corporation shall within three years construct the said Avenue from Granite Street to I Street, in South Boston, and release and transfer all their right, title and interest in the same to the City—and that the City of Boston shall, under the authority of said Corporation, construct or cause to be constructed, by such parties as they may contract with, the street, bridge, and avenue from Sea Street to Granite Street, according to the accompanying order relative to the same, the City to have the right of drainage into Fore Point Channel, at each end of the said Bridge, and to have the control, custody and charge of said Street, Bridge and Avenue, and the draws thereof, when completed.

## COPY OF REPORT AND ORDER, OF 1853.

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### CITY OF BOSTON.

The Joint Special Committee to which was referred the petition of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation asking the City Council "for aid to secure the immediate and successful prosecution of the enterprise" authorized by their Act of incorporation, have carefully considered the subject, and beg leave now to

#### REPORT:

That in the opinion of the Committee a new Avenue to South Boston is desirable for the accommodation of the increasing travel to and from that part of the City. No person who has given much attention to this subject can doubt that such additional connection with South Boston would create taxable property and increase the value of lands there, of which the City is a considerable owner, and which will be available at some future time.

It is therefore very desirable that the intentions of the Corporation should be carried out. With these views the Committee are unanimously of opinion that the City ought to accede to the prayer of the petitioners *so far as to lay out a street from Sea Street to connect with the Avenue and Bridge*, when the same shall have been built, or on receiving satisfactory security from the Corporation that their enterprise shall be completed.

It is proposed by the petitioners that the Avenue shall strike Howe's Wharf, on Sea Street. From the best information the Committee have obtained, it is supposed that the expense of opening the street will amount to about *Sixty Thousand Dollars*.

In order that the sense of the City Council may be taken on the subject, the Committee, without a dissenting voice, recommend the passage of the annexed resolve.

For the Committee,

BENJAMIN SEAVER, *Chairman*.

## 8 MOUNT WASHINGTON AVENUE. [July.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the City Council, it will be the duty of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to lay out a street from Sea Street to the proposed Avenue to South Boston, intended to be constructed by the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, whenever the same shall be constructed, or whenever satisfactory bonds are given by said Corporation that the Avenue and Bridge across Fore Point Channel shall be completed, according to the terms of their Charter.

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, November 28, 1853.*

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

BENJAMIN SEAVER, *Mayor*.

*In Common Council, December 15, 1853.*

Passed in concurrence.

HENRY J. GARDNER, *President*.



AN  
ORATION  
DELIVERED BEFORE THE  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES  
OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON,  
AT THE  
CELEBRATION  
OF THE  
*Sebenty-Eighth Anniversary of American Independence,*  
JULY 4, 1854.

BY REV. A. L. STONE.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, JULY 6, 1854.

ORDERED, That the thanks of the City Council be presented to the Rev. A. L. STONE, for the Oration delivered by him before the Municipal Authorities, on the recent celebration of the Declaration of American Independence and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEX. H. RICE, PRESIDENT.

IN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, JULY 7, 1854.

Passed in concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, MAYOR.

A true copy. Attest:

S. F. MCCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk*.

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To his Honor J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor*, and  
ALEXANDER H. RICE, Esq., *President of Common Council*.

Enclosed, I submit to your disposal a copy of the Oration delivered at the recent celebration, by the Municipal Authorities of this City, of the Anniversary of the Nation's Birth-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Yours, &c.,

A. L. STONE.



# ORATION.

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IT is natural for a traveller, pressing forward from sun to sun over hill and valley, to pause on the heights he climbs, that he may look behind him over the length of way already traversed, and before him along the fresh reaches yet to be measured. It is good for the wayfarer of life to rest his steps on the eminences that mark the bounds of his finished years—to take both retrospect and forecast—to give anew his mind to thought, his heart to praise, and his hands to duty. It is equally natural and good for a nation in its swift career to power and greatness, or to whatsoever destiny, to linger awhile on the summits of its successive epochs of life—to learn wisdom from the past—to gather hope for the future, and to gird itself afresh for its race.

These National Birth-days, as their joyous chimes from bell-tower and cannon-throat strike on our ears, are fit occasions—goodly hill-tops—on which to bring within one horizon the memorials of the times gone by, and the presages of those to come. Each gratulant

sound on this commemorative morning has its *echo* from "SEVENTY-SIX"—its *reverberations* lose themselves amid the dim defiles of ages yet to be. So does this day come to us both as a historian and a prophet.

We shall not now linger long with this past. Its story is too familiar—the day itself utters it on all our hills and in every valley; childhood knows it as its own household words. The present is too stirring and eventful—the auguries of the future too momentous. Enough of it we must call back to honor the dues of a just commemoration; and then yield us to the mighty currents that are bearing us and our country's fortunes on their rushing tideway to—*unknown shores*.

And our theme possesses this twofold advantage, guiding us up the stream in its hitherto flowing, and out along its distant reaches, as we sketch with hurried hand THE STRUGGLES OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

The life of nations, as the life of individual man, has its epochs and eras. It does not leap at once to its prime of armed power. It has rather, like humanity itself, its embryo—its birth—its infancy—its childhood, period succeeding to period till it stands stalwart and strong in robust manhood. And all past human history gives melancholy completeness to the parallel, in the decay of national life as it falls into the imbecilities and decrepitudes of age—then sinks into the common tomb of buried empires.

Indeed, it is a universal law, that whatsoever life has a beginning, must win its full development by conflict and struggle. And the annals of every people



offer themselves in evidence and illustration of this law of growth. The Hebrew nation had its germ in the heart of a shepherd dwelling in his tent on the Syrian plains. We watch the germ in its first transplanting, by the hand of Jacob, as he flies from the grave of his father, a fugitive from the vengeance of his elder brother. A little later, twelve men enshrine its imperilled fortunes, when the fierce seven years' famine seems its final doom. In short-lived prosperity it thrives again under the sunshine of Egyptian favor, then sinks trampled into the dust beneath the iron heel of a cruel bondage—lifts its head once more above the reflux waves of the avenging Red Sea—hides from sight in the solitudes of the wilderness—emerges at last from its forty years' wandering in the desert, and conquers for itself, after a hundred wars, a broad kingdom and a stately metropolis in the land of promise.

Young Rome, yet in its cradle, matched its infant strength against the warlike herdsmen that environed its simple fortresses—then met the onset of remoter kings and tribes—Sabines and Portians—bent to the earth and rose again beneath the rushing of the Gallic tides pouring down from the gates of the north—each encounter a struggle of life and death—grappled in long and doubtful strife with her great rival, Tyrian Carthage—challenged nation after nation to mortal combat, staking her very existence on each throw for fortune's favor, and so crowned herself at last on her seven-pillared throne—queen of the conquered world.

England had her four centuries of fluctuating warfare with the Legionaries of Rome—wrestled with the mighty hordes of the Caledonian wilds, whom she repelled by the help of her Saxon allies, received in turn her helpers as controlling elements of her national life, fainted under the pressure of the vast war-fleets of the Danes—then hurled them back from her shores as her white cliffs, the waves that ever return, only to be baffled and broken—met and reeled before the shock of Norman invasion, and again enriched her veins with foreign blood, and so struggled onward through revolutions and wars, and regicides and long Parliaments—to the proudest throne among the nations—wearing now that most royal name, “Sovereign of the Seas.”

The same history of successive struggles—the same eventful annals of disasters and then more signal victories following in rapid alternation, has checked the life-story of every nation that has risen from weakness to power in all the book of time, confessing, as we have said, in the uniformity of the event, the universal law of national growth.

Our own nation is no exception to this law of centuries, though the young stripling speedily disencumbered himself of the swaddling bands of his babyhood—was early weaned, forsaking mother’s milk for strong meat—despised creeping—shook off all equivocal drapery—put on the distinctive costume of his sex, and standing erect on his own feet, in early and ambitious youth, bent to the race, and stretched his Titan

limbs on the long course of time, for the foremost place of earthly greatness.

We hope not to be vainglorious in reciting any of our histories, or working out our horoscope for the future. We have had our portrait sketched so often by foreign artists that came over on purpose, that we ought, by this time, seeing ourselves as others see us, to have learned humility; and there will be enough in our field of thought this day to make us serious and to keep down pride.

Somebody has called us—perhaps we did it ourselves, if so it is a name of our own invention and we have a right to it, if not, we have accepted it, and so it is ours—the **YOUNG GIANT OF THE WEST**.

He has n't many of the graces of the exquisite—this young giant—so the foreign artists have drawn him. The shirt-frill and the patent leather and the patent airs of the French dandy, he does n't much affect. His clothes are thought not to set well, to be a little awkwardly made and awkwardly worn. But he gets up early in the morning and dresses in haste. He does n't spend much time before the glass. He runs his fingers through his hair instead of a comb—his only anxiety being to keep it out of his eyes—and neglects the pomatum entirely. In the portrait his shoes are broad and thick soled, but he stands firm in them, and when he swings them they have momentum. His hands are large, but there's a gripe in them. His hat brim is narrow, but it lets the light of heaven on his face. His shirt collar is high and stiff, but it keeps

him looking straight ahead after his destiny. His coat is short-waisted, he does n't run to waste (waist) in broadcloth. The piece of apparel that clothes his nether limbs stops a little too soon in its downward reach, *but he is growing so fast.*

In short there may be found many a more polished looking gentleman—fitter for ladies' presence—but there are apparent in him such bone and muscle—such wiry chords about the loose-strung joints—such a long-armed and deep-chested outfit for the wrestling of earth's potentates, that the sight of him does n't much encourage these jealous ones to try a fall. They may make game of him—and that's just what they find him—GAME.

But he was n't always a giant. He had his own cradling. It was a rude nursery, in which he learned to walk—it was a rough discipline that shook him free from his leading strings.

Scarce two generations of men—and many an individual lifetime still wearing greenly on in the midst of us—span the entire length of our national existence—an added century and a half will go back to our forefathers' first coming—and within these brief periods the germ has become the oak, the fresh-born foster-child of Liberty has become the youthful giant.

*The first struggle of American life was against the untamed wildness of Nature.* When the Hebrew tribes emerged from the wilderness and set foot in the promised land, they found it, in the expressive phrase of scripture, a land flowing with milk and honey. The art

of human tillage, the labors of human industry had preceded them. It was built up with walled towns and stately cities. Its hills were green with the olive—its cliffs purple with the vine. All they had to do was to enter in and take possession. But our land of promise was the wilderness still. As the keel of the Atlantic voyager approaches now these shores, he gazes upon broad armed harbors, inviting him into their peaceful waters as the weary sea bird to its nest, beacon towers, flaming red warning in the darkness or ringing their chimes through the fog—great cities, pushing their adventurous granite, munitions of wealth and trade, far out against the besieging waves—forest-girded with the masts of a world-wide commerce—green heights around adorned with fair villas,—smiling valleys retreating back among the hills, continuous gardens—sun-lighted streams bearing down to ocean ports the flow of inland wealth—little brooks white from the vexing water wheels—the smoke of tall chimneys, beneath whose shadows toil the dusty artificer—the lifted spires of Christian temples—all heralding to that voyager a land of peace and plenty, and giving sign of generous and hospitable welcome. How different this picture from that which frowned before the resolute eyes that first measured the New England coast! Hills robed in forest terrors sloped backward from the water's margin—up the silent valleys there were no tracks save those of savage beasts or savage men—over what hidden perils the harbor tides ebbed and flowed they had yet to learn—whither the valley streams led, in their



upward course to their fountains, none could tell them—the future harvest plains grew the oak harvests of slow centuries. No houses were built for them—matron and maiden, age and infancy, must shelter themselves in tents or beneath evergreen boughs, from winter's rigors. Nature, in her sternest panoply, seemed thus to defy our fathers to the struggle. Sheathed in glittering snows, like a virgin warrior in mail, she seemed to expect by her very aspect, to decide the contest. She gathered up the awe of her grand mysterious solitudes, to lay upon their spirits. She blew upon them with the chill of her December winds, and sought to pierce the heart with her spear of ice.

But they were no faint-hearted champions that had come over to measure their prowess with her savage wildness. The land was to be possessed. Therefore it was to be explored, subdued, and made to pay tribute. Upon it were to rise cities and villages, and roll the yellow harvest seas. They had strong arms and stout hearts, and the conflict was joined. The first strokes fell—they rang through the woodland depths, and their echoes swept over the sullen waves. The foremost forest ranks bowed to the invasion. Again the axe advanced, and again the serried line of resistance gave way. Still was the onset strengthened by new forces, and still the woodland veterans, with all their plumed honors, went down before them. And so the battle front has rolled on, and so the sturdy giants of the forest and the wild have retreated before it. It has been a continuous conflict, and the end is not yet—but



victory has always declared for the invader. The axe—the fire—the plough—the spade—those weapons of assault, cannot be withstood. The noise of the sylvan war is now quite remote. It has rolled backward on the Alleghanies—it has swept northward and eastward into the fastnesses of our mountain ranges and the old woods of Maine—it has rushed across the prairies and left them broad oceans of rolling harvest wealth—faint and far we hear the sturdy strokes, that tell where the van marches, coming back to our ears from the distant valley slopes that rise from the Father of waters—toward the heights that look down upon Pacific Seas. In the track of this bloodless conquest, shoots the green blade of the corn, rise the walls of cheerful and busy hamlets, growing soon to emulous cities, where wealth builds and taste and refinement adorn—and bloom and smile every where the gardens of graceful and happy homes.'

As fast as new territories are opened to these restless pioneer feet their ranks are again in motion, and the struggle again renewed, and fresh victories won. The conquering columns are pouring now into those vast regions, whose names are spoken sadly among us as trophies of the triumphant encroachments of the Slave Despotism on our soil. But we do not fear. These axe-armed cohorts of freemen from the East and North and West, carrying fire and smoke before them—symbols not of destruction—but of civilization—of the hearthstones of domestic life, and the glowing furnaces of the arts—forerunners of harvests and orchards—and

the manifold comforts of a free and established population, are silently and swiftly taking possession of the disputed realm in the name of humanity and liberty.

Such has been and is the first struggle of American life and history,—the infant Hercules matching himself in his cradle with the earth-born forces of savage nature! It is not yet consummated—but the whole prestige of the past is with the toiling and adventurous arms that are making this once waste and howling wilderness to blossom as the rose. We believe we may take this opening chapter as an augury for all the history, for other struggles yet to be chronicled, for those unwritten leaves sealed up for us yet, against the opening of which so many begin to tremble.

II. Beginning soon after this struggle, and keeping pace with it for many a tragic year of our story, came *our struggle with savage men—the second struggle of American history*, in which the infancy of the young giant may be said to have cut its teeth. The vast deserts of the North American Continent, unlike the densely peopled shores of South America, which the Spaniards deluged in blood, had really and properly no personal or national proprietors. Over them there roamed the scattered tribes of the aboriginal savages, whose only occupancy of the soil was the privilege of coursing its forest ranges, in the hunt and on the war-path, and tilling their patches of Indian corn. They were for the most part restless nomads, building and deserting again, as the forest game abounded or

failed them, their temporary villages of huts, and leaving behind them for whatsoever successor, the soil they had traversed and wrought for a season, but never truly appropriated. On the Plymouth coast, the hand of Providence itself had prepared room for the New England Fathers. A wasting mortality, the ravages of some unknown pestilence, had swept this rude but sacred portal of the continent free for the entrance of the Pilgrims. Doubtless there have been in the progress and triumph of a European civilization on this continent, many acts of injustice and cruelty committed by white men upon their red brethren of the forest. But our own early history was not so stained. The memorable treaty, formed by *our* forefathers with the great Sachem of the Wampanoags, the peace-loving Massasoit, continued inviolate for fifty years. But at last here also, the jealous fears of the red man, the passions of ambitious chiefs, and, with not a few leading spirits, the instinct of self-preservation kindled the flames of a fierce and exterminating warfare. Its storms broke upon the infant settlements just struggling into life amid vicissitudes of famine and sickness, and thenceforth it seemed that the hatchet was never more to be buried, save with the arm that wielded it. That period has receded among our antiquities as a people; but the scenes it recalls are the most thrilling and terrible in the annals of nations.

Here, too, a sovereign Providence was working to insure to the chosen people, the land kept in reserve for their coming, through silent centuries. Not for

the barbarian was this noble continent heaved up from the retiring waters. No race of wild hunters, with a navy of bark canoes, were to evoke the destiny of such a magnificent world. This sweep of ocean coast, deep-serrated with ports and harbors—prophetic of a thousand keels of commerce—these broad inland seas and long reaches of navigable rivers, opening the whole vast interior to the white-winged messengers of trade—the chambered mineral wealth, pushing its dark galleries beneath all the hills—that basin of the central valley, the most splendid theatre for the marvels of human industry on God's earth—these were not, in the designs of Providence, the heritage of savage tribes, whose only quest, as they tracked this superb domain with wood-paths, was the wild deer and the thundering troops of the buffalo. So the victory was given again to the European, and the red man has melted away before the long-rolling wave of civilization. We hear still from our far frontiers, the crack of his rifle and the whoop of his charge, as he rallies here and there on his sullen retreat. But the strife is nearly spent. Let us hope that at least and at last, a peaceful evening may close the historic day of a doomed and dying race.

III. The third struggle of American life was that whose memories cluster thickest and greenest around us this day. We may call it the effort of the boy-giant to stand upon his feet, and go alone. The bitterness of this strife, was not in the mating of peace-

ful settlers, untaught in arms, against the trained armies of European battle-fields, not the poverty of the colonists in the resources and munitions of war as measured with the first power of the civilized world; not that wretched destitution under which our heroic armies trailed their bare-footed and bleeding marches across wintry snows, and over flinty roads—not the slaughter that crimsoned yonder height, whose gray shaft catches and keeps the first and last beams of coming and parting day—nor the arming of neighbor against neighbor, blending the horrors of foreign and civil war—nor the waste of noble life in all the length of the conflict. It was rather in the distressful and outraged sentiments of the heart. It was in the sad necessities that arrayed the Spirit of Liberty against the Spirit of Loyalty—that forced our fathers, in violence to all their filial love and reverence for the mother-land—into so unnatural a strife. In those days there was no other word for *home*, but England. Stronger than the recollection of all early wrongs, of spiritual oppression and persecution, was this sacred tie that bound them to the place of their birth. England's pleasant soil, England's renown, England's history were theirs. There rested their ancestral dust. There dwelt still, kinsman and friend. This was the deepest pain—the sorest travail of all the contest, to arm the hand against the tender loyalty of the heart. There was no instinct of treason with those defenders of sacred rights. They were no rebels to just authority, usurping crowns, and clutching sceptres



in the lust of power. They were earnest freemen seeking at first, and for long, redress, not revolution. And when the conviction gathered upon them, that there was no peace or security for them or the hallowed prerogatives they stood for, but in Independence—their first, saddest and yet noblest victory was over themselves. And keeping down their own insurgent hearts with the iron nerve of their great purpose, as great in this inward struggle as in its prophetic outlook over the future, they lifted the flag of their solemn and daring venture, and bore it on to triumph. And as we sit beneath its folds this day, the thunders of a jubilant nation rocking the continent around us, we have to remember not more the dauntless valor of our sires of the Revolution, than that suffering self-conquest, after which no other field was terrible, no other victory memorable. But we must not linger even here. This struggle and its issue only prepared the way for the next.

IV. The struggle of diverse and clashing elements to frame themselves into forms of Civil Government. Our giant—now a stripling in the impetuous days of youth, wrestling with his own temper and passions for the sceptre of self-control. This is a history less often recited. Its manifold and imminent hazards are not popularly known, or if known, not remembered. Each school-boy can tell us of Lexington and Concord, of Trenton and Monmouth, of Princeton and Guilford, and Yorktown; but the fields where mind struggled



with mind—the scenes in which the builders wrought together to lift the stately structure of our free Institutions, toiling like the Jews in the time of Nehemiah, when “every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held a weapon”—these are settling into oblivion. The names of those that drew the sword and shouted battle cries, are handed down in song and story; and they who wielded the pen and lifted the voice of patriot oratory in that later and more masterful strife, are left almost unlaurelled. But it is scarcely possible for us in this crowded hour, and under the pressure of what remains to be said of a more present interest, to give even a single page from those stirring records.

The generation that stood together on these shores in the solemn pause that succeeded the revolutionary struggle, and looking one another in the face, asked how shall we be governed, or rather how shall we govern ourselves, were of varied and heterogenous elements. They had come from the fixed and formal methods of social and political life in the Old World—each with a physiognomy of his own, sharply cut. They had come each with his own purpose and aim. Some of them had been restless and discontented spirits at home, and flocked hither from love of change or ambition of fresh intrigues. Some were seekers for mines of gold. Some were possessed of lofty conceptions of a new and fairer order of social institutions, than any the world had seen; and hoped to realize in the free distant wilderness, their pure ideals. And

others, again, brought only the sturdy outfit of the peasant-laborer, and a scheme of life whose widest horizon was limited to the improvement of their physical comforts. There were men of Patrician rank, also, who were deep-dyed in aristocratic predilections, and hoped to mark out of the unclaimed riches of the new continent, more magnificent manors than had ever graced the family name. All these—by their common experience of dangers, their united efforts for deliverance, and the common necessities of the new, fresh life that had the same law of personal effort for all—brought into a condition of social equality, were to be consolidated into a government whose equal pressure should rest on all alike—whose beneficent care conserve without partiality the interests of all. The earliest confederacy, created by the exigencies of the war, and equal to those exigencies alone, calmly surveying itself when the war was ended, clearly perceiving its inadequacy to the new career on which the nation was launched, and ingenuous in its confession, nobly and wisely threw back the reins upon the neck of the people. The process of reconstructing a Federal Government on a basis that should be permanent, was most difficult and delicate. Fortunately it was committed to the hands of men as able, faithful and pure as any in our history. James Madison had a seat in that Convention; Alexander Hamilton was there,—and with them, the highest and most beloved name in the land—Washington. With such master builders, the majestic fabric of the Con-

stitution rose. It was founded on the principle of the sovereignty of the people—a principle not held abstractly and sentimentally, but boldly applied to all departments of State—all the functions of Government. Its grand and nearest corollary, the intervention of the people in public affairs, the Constitution recognized and established as the supreme law of the land. So was there constructed a central and confederate Government, whose administration, on the contrary, was general and universal. Of course there must needs be in any such centralization, a seeming infringement upon the Independence of the States—a seeming curtailment of popular rights—an apparent tendency to aristocratic, in distinction from democratic forms of national life. It was impossible, but that there should thus be excited jealousy of the federal power. In a country where every man boasted himself his own master, every village enacted its own local ordinances, each several State clung to its own absolute sovereignty in all its internal affairs, it was not without an effort that the popular mind could be brought to acknowledge a distant centralized supremacy, though the creature of itself. There was a necessity of Union, but a dread of it; a suspension of it, a war of popular feeling against it. There were boding prophecies as to the ultimate limits of this delegated authority, whereto it might grow; what colossal shadows it might fling over the land. Intriguing politicians were not wanting to those days, who were ready for the price of personal aggrandizement, to inflame the popular discon-

tent, and to stigmatise every Federalist as an enemy to the liberties of the people. The strongest powers, the most prodigious efforts, the purest patriotism of the great leaders of the national fortunes were demanded, to root the new government in the affections and confidence of the people. Happily these influences, allied to the personal popularity of the idolized and immortal Father of his Country, were potent enough to meet the crisis and control the issue; and the Federal Government became a fact and a life. The struggle passed by, the storm disappeared from the sky, and though its low mutterings were still heard for a time, the serenity of the Heavens was not again seriously disturbed. For nearly seventy years that contest has been over. No government on earth is more stable. "Treason is a forgotten crime." The fountains of popular contentment have never been broken up. The yoke sits easy on every neck. Neither individuals nor classes have chafed beneath its pressure. Peace "with her olives crowned," sits smiling on all our hills. Around the National Capitol there watch no guards, save the warm encircling hearts of our free and happy millions. For all purposes of national action, the American people is a consolidated unit, respected and honored among the powers of earth. In all matters of private and social concern, the will of the people is its own immediate and almost unrestricted law.

V. But there is yet another struggle upon us all whose history is sadder, all whose portents are darker,

and out of which there has dawned hitherto no day of deliverance. We are indeed now in the very throe and travail of it. It is the gangrene on the limbs of the giant, climbing with dark mortal omens toward the seat of life. It has trailed its humbling and tragic story, its pathway of shame, through all these years of our growing greatness. It has dimmed before the gaze of mankind our star of liberty and promise. It has sullied all our just renown. It has crippled our Christianity—it has intensely tried our patriotism—it has denied the principles for which we have done and suffered most. At times it has seemed to expire, and men would gather jubilant and gratulant to inurn its ashes. And then some breath of the never quiet atmosphere of controversy would blow its embers again to fiercer flames. It has had its campaigns, and then its hollow truces, broken by the shocks of deadlier conflict.

The struggle antedates the day we are celebrating. Its earliest scenes are back in the old colonial times. Our fathers, then acting in concert, afflicted with a common conscience of the evil, plead against it with the distant royalty to which they held allegiance. They declared in that memorable address to their king, that in their conviction it was impossible “for men,”—these are their words—“impossible for men who exercise their reason, to believe that the divine author of our existence intended a part of the human race to hold an absolute property in others.” And in a mournful and touching sentence they add—“We cannot endure



the infamy and guilt of resigning succeeding generations to the wretchedness that inevitably awaits them, if we entail hereditary bondage upon them."

But their plea for royal interposition was haughtily and even arrogantly rejected. And the malign institution thus fostered by English protection, gathered to itself fresh vitality.

The next crisis of the struggle was on the floor of the old National Congress—at the very threshold of our national existence, in the memorable year of 1787. The original Atlantic States, bounded eastwardly by the Ocean shore, and on the north and south by fixed and declared lines of latitude, extended westwardly through the vast hidden interior to the banks of the Mississippi. The great and powerful State of Virginia setting the example and taking the lead, and the other States whose proprietorship ran parallel with its own, through the breadth of the western wilderness, following its pattern of munificence, the whole unmeasured and unknown Northwest, beyond the waters of the Ohio, was ceded to the United States represented by the Continental Congress. That Congress accepted the perilous trust. Here was territory—to be governed—to be legislated for—out of which by-and-by, new States with institutions, manners and laws of their own, were to come knocking at the door of the Union. Two kinds of labor were in vogue, and in rivalry, throughout the existing confederacy—free labor and slave labor. Which should succeed to this magnificent heritage? And the conflict was



joined ; for three years it rocked the floor of that Congress, and shook the ill-compacted elements of the confederacy almost to dissolution. It was raging fiercely when the Convention sat to frame the Federal Constitution. Suddenly there was a hush. Out of the storm was born a calm. The great Pacificator, that which said to the tempest, "*Peace be still*"—was the famed "Ordinance of '87." By this, the whole disputed territory was forever consecrated to freedom. The price of this victory for humanity and right, was the obligation imposed upon the new States, that should some day arise out of that territory, to permit the reclamation of fugitives from bondage. But how confidently it was hoped, that when that day should arrive, not a slave should walk our soil, either in labor or in flight, and how entirely this expectation was acquiesced in by the most strenuous supporters of the institution, all the voices of that time unite to witness. So that when the Convention whose wheels of progress had been blocked by the same barrier against which the Congress had halted, and availing itself of the same method of union and harmony, incorporated in the rising Constitution the same formal, but as it seemed almost idle, concession, and added to that in marked inconsistency with the idea and legal definition of slavery, a basis of representation for persons held in bondage—it would not consent that that immortal instrument should be defiled by the name of slave, or by any language that should describe and define a system of human chattelization. That august, funda-

mental law was framed (we claim it before Heaven) for a race of freemen—to be the palladium of free institutions; and not to carry into the histories of free times, any memorial or relic of the age of barbarism. To make sure of this near and happy future—to set up a visible bound beyond which slavery should not pass—it was farther ordained that at the end of twenty years, Congress might prohibit the importation of slaves. Thus was the case of slavery, by a process of legislation that carried the consent of all minds, made hopeless. It was forever shut out of all the territory over which floated the national flag. It was taxed by Congress to bear the common burdens of the Government. It was dishonored by the Constitution that refused in the pride of its purity, and the consciousness of its own enduring career, to pollute its lips by one syllable that should recognise its existence, and perpetuate its memory. The precedent was established, that no national sanction should ever accredit its claims to sufferance and succor. There was nowhere within the limits of the confederacy, an inch of new soil conceded to it, for growth and expansion. Just before it was a fixed and absolute line of time, which no subsidies for its failing strength could cross. It was hemmed around with this inexorable cordon of law, and shut up within its own domain to suffocate and die. The friends of humanity rejoiced—those involved in the system were not dissatisfied; the patriot was full of courage and hope, and all looked on together to see in its time the coming and passing of the mortal

pang. So lingered and waited the issue. But other elements were to enter into the strife, and shape its coming developments.

Early in the present century, the immense tract of country lying west of the Mississippi, and extending to the British possessions on the north, and westward without limit, known by its French designation of Louisiana, was ceded by France to the United States, for the sum of fifteen millions of dollars. In some parts of this territory, slavery speedily gained a foothold, under the provisions of our treaty with France. The State of Louisiana was admitted into the Union in 1812, without any restriction as to slavery, the system having already taken possession of her soil, and shaped the forms of her social life. Six years later, Missouri sought to join herself to the sisterhood of sovereign States. "Yes," said the representatives of freedom, "if you will come in undefiled by that foul stain of bondage." "She shall come in without that restriction," said the representatives of slavery. And again, and with all the old fierceness, the battle raged. For two years the smoke of the conflict hung over the land, and all hearts beat tumultuously with its hopes and its fears. At last the battle-clouds lifted, and the world looked to see on which standard victory had perched. The two hosts were beheld mingling together in friendly interchanges around a double-faced monument, on the one side or the other of which each read the inscription of its own victory. Missouri was admitted with its slaves. But the entire remainder of the

debateable land lying north of a certain parallel of latitude, with all its wealth of future States, was again by solemn treaty and compact forever set apart and dedicated to freedom. The temple of Janus was closed again. The sea went down. Agitation was laid to rest. The country had not yet given its full sanction to slavery. It tolerated it where it had made itself at home. It recognized the rights of slave property, where such rights, under local laws or usages, had already accrued; but it still dishonored the system by its interdicts. It forbade it to set its blighting hoof where yet it had not trodden. It held before the Commonwealths, then scarce in embryo, that were yet to be in those broad ranges it guarded, the ægis of the national protection, and so proclaimed slavery a foe to human progress, and to the strength and wealth of States. But for that sacred covenant, Missouri could never have entered beneath the portal of the Union. But for the toleration, not sanction, accorded to her local institutions, both she and her sponsors would perhaps have withdrawn by open and positive rupture from the nationality of the States. We may wish our fathers had met the naked issue there. We may think the sacrifice they yielded for the sake of family peace, to avert the horrors of threatened civil strife—too great and precious a sacrifice, for either the prize or the peril. But in their view, though the act was a treason against the holiest principles of our free institutions, and the noblest struggles of our history, though it was a step backward against the hope, and

faith, and purpose of the forefathers, there was still in it a sort of consistency that to them made out its defence. The basis on which the States were confederated, was that local institutions should remain, that the Federal Government, in its legislation and in its administration, should not interfere with the internal affairs of the States, in aught beyond what its own general purposes made imperative. The new applicant for the federal alliance was already under the local law of slavery, and our fathers, feeling themselves to be without power or authority to remove the evil where it already existed, without their responsibility, gave hesitating and reluctant consent to this new comer, with the plague in her bosom, to enter the privileged household of the Union; at the same time relieving and comforting their hearts, by asserting in a most solemn ordinance for all the rest of that broad territory, thenceforth and forever, an inviolable law of freedom. This is that sacred parchment, laid up in the national archives, and venerable beyond the tabernacle relics to the old Hebrew, upon which the slave power has just now laid its sacreligious hand, ruthlessly torn it asunder, and scattered its fragments to the four winds. But ere this last historic issue, so foully lost to liberty was joined, there was yet another intervening, that helped to swell and accelerate the fatal drift of the national life toward the degeneracy of the times upon which we are fallen. Upon this scene of the long continued and ever renewed struggle, it is not necessary to dwell. The confused and strange elements of



that series of acts, bearing date at the high noon of this latest century of light and progress, and marking, we may justly fear, the hour when the sun of our national glory passed its meridian—contended for by a statesmanship and oratory peerless in our annals, and which had been, up to that sad crisis, the clearest utterance of our northern spirit and life, were bundled and bound together, and labelled, by eminence, “THE COMPROMISE MEASURES—THE FINALITY OF THE SLAVERY AGITATION.” They gave us one free State, on the golden shore of the Pacific; they outlawed the slave mart from beneath the shadow of the capitol; but they opened two extensive territories to the blighting foot of the great curse to tread at will. They breathed the breath of life into the drowsy, effete old ordinance of the reclamation of fugitives—declared in new and most offensive terms, our northern homes, henceforth a hunting ground for flying bondsmen, over which whether the scent lay fresh or cold, the blood hounds might course their prey—trampled on the inalienable right of trial by jury—offered a bounty for each fettered and doomed victim, and cast more galling shackles upon all our instincts of humanity.

And this was to be the end of strife. This was the grave of dissension. This finality was to beat our swords into ploughshares, our spears into pruning hooks—and furl all banners of battle. Henceforth we were to dwell together as brothers, under the spreading olive of peace.

And then like a thunderbolt from a clear sky was



launched this double-dyed perfidy of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. The encircling and protecting league that guarded that vast central West, sloping up toward the base of the Rocky Mountains, shrivelled beneath that falling bolt. The sacred barrier all hands had joined to raise, before which all voices had united to say to the dark, on-coming tide of slavery,—“Thus far, but no farther; here shall thy proud waves be stayed”—went down at the springing of that sudden mine. And forward again the long-baffled surges leapt with flashing feet. And there was no sharp and narrow crisis upon us—no abyss of national ruin, yawning before us, from which this dreadful alternative was the only deliverance. In the very wantonness and bravado of reckless, faithless power, this new encroachment of slavery shook its insults in the calm face of the North.

Here then at last is the beginning of the end—here the elements of the protracted strife, so long fettered in embarrassing combinations, tied up in complicated alliances—yoked and bound in covenants and pledges, separate themselves and stand fronting one another for the death-grapple. Let the grapple come. We bare our breasts for it. The issue is clear at length. It is not federal against State rights now; it is not higher law against lower; it is not principle against compromise;—it is liberty versus slavery. Slavery has drawn the sword and cast away the scabbard. Slavery, forsaking all her shifts and policies, proclaims war to the hilt. She asks no longer partitions and divisions.

She reaches forth for the whole. She says there shall be no interdict out against her. She will be free to go where she will with her own the Union over. It shall be no longer, "Freedom national and Slavery sectional;" nor yet Freedom sectional and Slavery sectional; nor yet again, Freedom sectional and Slavery national, but Slavery universal. Any man who cannot see that this is the aim, I do not say of the South, but of the men who have assumed the leading of her destinies, is blind to the plainest signs of the times.

The "calm face of the North" has been quite patient under the controversy—it may have worn an aspect of too much forbearance; it has sometimes gathered to frowns and spoken stern words, but the look of calmness—the words of peace have been its prevailing aspect and dialect. That aspect changes now. The calmness is there, but very resolute. The eye is kindling with final purpose. The lips are compressed with iron will. The determinate battle is offered us; we are ready—readier now than a few weeks ago.

There was a little local experiment tried on us of the old Bay State—a sort of appendix to the Nebraska Kansas Bill, to test the mercury hereabout. A fellow man, once a chattel, but by the law of nature and the law of God free, and dwelling among us here in his freedom,—by the help of a trick and a lie was seized, in our own streets, guarded within chains and granite walls and armed men—tried under the special forms of law for such case made and provided—adjudged to

bondage, delivered up, carried off. It was a sad experiment and something perilous—not encouraging to another like it. Our pulses were not quiet in those days. They beat high and strong—with some rash spirits they were quite uncontrollable. It was not a pleasant sight to look upon our own court of justice converted into a slave prison, fenced off from our approaches by linked steel—and garrisoned as by alien and hostile troops. It was not pleasant for our peaceable and law-abiding citizens—bankers, merchants, artisans, operatives, to find their own places of business barricaded against them—to be crowded and shouldered, and trodden on by our own citizen soldiery, and the hirelings of a remote despotism enforcing its cruel edicts at our doors. It was not pleasant to know that any increased commotion however stirred, might bring the hail of iron bullets rattling against our windows, and the charge of horsemen trampling down our kinsmen and neighbors. Least of all was it pleasant to reflect that all this was to be endured, as a taunt from slavery—a tribute to its strengthened sceptre—the cost of smiting with rude hands, here where her cradle was, the matron form of liberty.

By a singular Providence, it fell on the week when Christian Churches and Christian ministers were gathered here to celebrate the triumphs of our gospel of peace and good will at home and abroad, that this repulsive and audacious exhibition of injustice and inhumanity confronted their jubilee of light and love; and the strong-chorded beat of the heart of this metropolis

was thus sent out in living arteries through the New England Christendom.

Once more then the federal law, in its current interpretation—the law that conserves slavery—that gives back to its irresponsible will every adventurous fugitive dragging its broken links northward, has triumphed. Anthony Burns is a man no more, but a chattel again. But it may be found that that triumph was too dearly purchased—that that stretch of our endurance unto agony, is the last stage where endurance has its final limit—that this perilous play upon our tortured sensibilities, this determined crushing of our deepest and holiest convictions, may be tried once too often. It may be found that this struggle of our whole national lifetime has worn on to its ultimate phase—that these recent events, illustrating the tendencies of years, and fulfilling the prophecies of all prescient minds, have made the issue now close and inevitable.

I think we are ready, with great solemnity, each to take upon his lips words out of the Sacred Book. "My heart is fixed ; Oh God, my heart is fixed."

The day of compromises is past. That broken public faith has shattered all compromises. Men will trust in them, consent to them no more. And this, not we fear because of an increasing tenderness in the public conscience, but because considered as pledges binding to its contracts the perfidious slave power, they are seen to be powerless as ropes of sand. And the men who have strained their conscience to the very

utmost tension, and silenced all the protests of their nature, for the sake of peace and in loyalty to the Union—are those whose wounds are deepest. They have gone farthest in concessions to the South—in the spirit of forbearance and the hope of harmony, and this is their reward. Like the Alpine eagle slain by an arrow feathered from its own pinion, they have been pierced through their own generous but mistaken policy. There will be no more compromises!

There will be henceforth a united front for Liberty. We of the North are supplied by this latest outrage with that which has been so long the chief element of strength with the South. A pole star of hope and effort, a one idea that shall chrystalize about it as a central law all political movement and action.

There will be, let us hope, a disruption of all old party ties. The gathering cries of old political strifes—the battle shout of clansmen following some idolized leader—let them die out. Let the very name of party be sunk in this sacred league of freemen. Partisan issues may well wait awhile till this grander, more vital problem of our public life has found its solution.

This new array will not necessarily be sectional. We will not have the banners read, “*The North against the South.*” Good men and true from every portion of our land, will be found banded together in this holy warfare. The device on this new oriflame shall be our own soaring eagle bearing in his talons broken fetters, and the inscription, “*Freedom against Despotism.*”



It is a memorable thing that this new step of progress is only after the flight of three-fourths of a century, a return to the spirit of the fathers. Alas, that an onward career of prosperity like ours, should have been as swiftly and surely a backward career in the morals of this great debate. "*Slavery will soon die*," they thought and said; and the old thirteen States twined their arms together like a band of virgin sisters. "*Slavery will soon die*," and they framed the Constitution to meet that present exigency, and to ignore forever its memory. "*Slavery will soon die*," and they made the importation of slaves piracy on the high seas. Penitently and reverently we must tread our way back to the moral eminences where they stood, and changing that syllable of expectation to one of bold and determined purpose, say, here and now, after so long a time, "*Slavery MUST die*."

There will come a day of reckoning with politicians. They have had our "honor" in their keeping, and betrayed the trust. They have made for us corrupt bargains, and repudiated them when they pleased. They have truly represented neither North nor South. They have dishonored the South, by branding her with the stigma of covenant breaking. They have, in the very stress and strain of the high debate, spoken soft and timid words for us, when their tongues should have sounded indignant thunders. We must deal with politicians—we must create a new race of them, with the northern back-bone bracing them to an upright and fearless manhood. Thank God we hear at last a



true tone, where at least one fearless champion keeps the whole snarling litter at bay.

We must yield no more territory to the insatiable spirit of slavery propagandism. Not another particle of freedom's sacred dust, *whatever*, I know what I say, it is a broad word, and has a terrible significance—WHATEVER be the alternative. Into that imperilled West, from which every holy guard for freedom is withdrawn, we must pour the living streams of freemen. Let it flow, our best New England blood to enrich and consecrate that soil—let them go, our sons and daughters carrying thither good destinies with them. The race course is free to us—yonder vesper star the prize, let us see if Freedom cannot win the race.

We must admit on no pretence another slave State. Are not all old pledges dead and buried? We do put the national imprimatur upon the system, when we add one of those malign stars to the glorious constellation.

We must stand for the repeal of that harsh law that goes trampling through the sacred privacies of our homes, unearthing the hidden, trembling fugitive, and remanding him to chains.

Till that hour strikes, we must lend that barbarous decree no help or countenance. If there be penalties for such recusancy, let them lay their heaviest exactions on our heads. Sooner than join our aid to the savage hunt, to lay the flying bondman by the heels, let the avengers of such law drag us to fetters. Sweeter and brighter than the beauty of day shall be the gloom of dungeons in such a martyrdom—richer poverty

under such proscription and confiscation, than wealth and station the price of dishonor.

This is no plea for armed resistance. Violence and bloodshed win no laurels for principle. Oh, my fellow citizens, let us remember that our true love for humanity, our noble indignation at wrong—our quenchless loyalty to right, are all mixed and sullied with the stains of earthlier passions, when we join to them the clenched hand, the gnashing teeth, and the gleaming blades of popular insurrection.

This may we do, and keep both clean hands and an honest conscience—withdraw, on every hand, each private citizen—each public functionary—each humblest servitor of justice, from the processes of that legal kidnapping, and let them thrive as they may, without us. One such bright example, of laying down office that cannot be administered with honor, is worth for the cause of freedom a hundred orations. We shall serve our cause best, keep its dignity and purity most inviolate, when we suffer the cruel edict to take its way, with such allies as it can buy and yoke to its car, amid our stern, and meaning silence. Let our citizen soldiery take to themselves salutary caution. If they are in haste at such crises, when the authority of our own State Court, the provisions of our own State laws, the mandates of our own State magistrates, the rights of our own metropolitan proprietorship—are nullified by the Federal power arrayed on the side of inhumanity and unrighteousness,—if they are in haste to flash the sheen of their steel and the glitter of their

uniform, before our eyes as the life-guards of oppression, to display their tactics and horsemanship in our public squares, as a terror not only to all free and generous sentiments, but to the administration of our own forms of justice, if they are to be associated with the pressure of the Federal Government upon us, overriding and overawing the course of law in the midst of us—rather than with the conservation of these sacred rights of their fellow citizens: they must not complain if they come to be looked upon henceforth as the myrmidons of tyranny, rather than the defenders of Liberty.

And if in taking thus our unalterable position, we hear again on every Southern wind, the alarm-cry of “DISUNION”—let the blast blow, till it spend itself. It has been a periodic gale, through the lifetime of two generations. It has swept with it, as every wind does, the light-lying surface dust, and withered leaves, and seemed to darken the hemisphere; but it has not prostrated the oaks or unseated the hills. Let the wind blow—after the storm cometh the calm. And if that idle terror become at last a dread reality—if the price of the Union should still be the bleeding sacrifice of humanity, the fettered body of liberty—if there lie within this broader nationality no redemption for the dishonored name of our free Republican Institutions,—if our sister States of the South choose rather to cut themselves clear from the strong bands of the confederacy, than to yield their unholy demands upon us, to fall down and worship their great Moloch,—if

they think it practicable and easy to adjust for themselves a separate nationality, with a frontier line of States touching our free North, to shut themselves up trusting to such forces of law, police and arms as they can muster, with that magazine of destruction in the midst of them,—*if they will it so*, EVEN SO LET IT BE. This is n't the *worst*. The *worst* is to drag along with us forever into the world's brightening future, *this body of death*. If it will fall off from us instead of suffering burial, let it go.

But let not that word *disunion* as a threat or a hope, pass *our* lips. It belongs to a Southern vocabulary. For ourselves we will keep, if we can, our cherishing love for the whole country—for a confederacy of States, united, happy and *free*. Oh, we do not love our country less, that we are unwilling to perpetuate her shame; or in her name to perpetuate the age of iron. We are none the less to-day large-hearted patriots, that we would burnish that blotted line, which spans our portals—“*the great and free Republic*”—so that the far off nations may read its shining capitals. We turn no paricide's blade against the breast of cherishing motherland, when we seek with the surgeon's kindly art, to cut out that deadly cancer that is eating into her life. We are not sinning against the spirit and memories of this day, if, while celebrating that original Declaration of Independence, we frame another—*entire national freedom, now and forever, from the despotism of Slavery*, and pledge to it as the fathers did—“our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

VI. It was my hope to have found room for a final word, in reference to yet one more struggle, whose omens are beginning to thicken upon our fate—and to meet which we need to rally again within us, the spirit of the forefathers—their severe simplicity, their early Roman virtues. I mean the struggle of our simple republican tastes and habits with the swelling tides of private and public extravagance. I see here, not merely in our growing wealth, the development of our boundless resources of material riches—of productive industry and art—the gathering of broader harvests on the plains of husbandry, and the return of richer argosies from the ventures of commerce—but in the use we make of wealth, in its prodigal expenditure, in the pomp and show of private life, in the enervating spirit of luxury and effeminacy, stealing in upon us, with footfall as silent and as blighting as the plague; a darker cloud low-lying on our country's horizon, with live lightnings sleeping in it, than even that whose colossal shadows are stretching from our southern sky past the zenith. This is a peril I cannot signalize to-day. And yet let us be warned. So ran the elder Republics their swift, downward race. So may we, if other perils spare us, sink from the very excess of prosperity into a splendid and gilded decay.

It is manifest, then, that we are pressing forward toward eventful and final issues. "*The times that tried men's souls*," are not merely historic but present. The gravest questions of the entire problem of American Destiny wait their solution, we believe, of the men



of this generation. The question whether this great experiment shall fail—whether this star on whose trembling ray hangs the world's last hope for personal, political and religious freedom, shall go down—whether our career, so omcned and so watched, shall prove itself only a stride back into the darkness of kingcraft and priestcraft—whether this banner, baptised in blood, with man's liberty and God's truth by those who begat us, shall lead the mad career of a conquest, stimulated by no ambition—throbbing to no lust of power, but shackled to the car of slavery, across the Mexican Gulf and the Caribbean Sea, and over the Isthmus and beyond the Equator—whether we have enough of patriotism, conscience and piety to enthrone above all national legislation God's law, as highest and holiest—whether we have moral heroism enough to fight the hydra-headed monster of oppression, and burn the life out of its multiplying crests—whether we have enough of the stern old virtue of the Puritan stock, ancestral in our lineage—to hold ourselves back and our country back, from the luxury and profligacy of great and sudden riches—to these determinate questions let us stand up in solemn and prayerful earnest—trustees for our own and after-times, of such measureless interests, and GOD PROSPER THE RIGHT!



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NEW  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*August 4, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*



*Office of the Overseers of the House of Correction,*

*May 9, 1854.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Monthly Committee for the month of April, as relates to the want of prison accommodation for the male prisoners, have duly considered the subject, and respectfully submit the following Report and Order.

The number of cells in the male prison is 290. Seven of this number are used for solitary confinement, and cannot be made available for ordinary use.

The number of male prisoners now undergoing sentence is 368. Consequently, when the cells are all occupied, there still remain 85 to be provided for; of this number 45 are quartered in the area of the prison and 40 in the workshop adjoining the office.

The inconvenience and danger of having such a large number of prisoners congregated together, with the small amount of physical force which can be spared from other duties to look after them, must be apparent to the members of the Board; also, that it is in violation of the City ordinances and laws of the Commonwealth.

In view of the foregoing facts, the Committee would recommend that an additional number of watchmen be employed, and also the adoption of the following Order.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee.

T. BEAL.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman of the Board be directed to communicate to his Honor the Mayor, the facts set forth in the foregoing Report, and call his attention to the City ordinances and laws of the Commonwealth relating to the House of Correction.

Adopted. Copy of Record.

C. WHITING, *Clerk*.

*In the Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*May 22, 1854.*

Read and referred to the Mayor and Alderman Dunham, to which Committee Alderman Odiorne was subsequently added.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk*.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*June 26, 1854.*

The Special Committee of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, to whom was referred the communication of the Overseers of the House of Correction, requesting an enlargement of the House of Correction, have duly considered the subject, and respectfully

## REPORT:

It appears by the communication which has been referred to us, that there are not a sufficient number of cells at the House of Correction, for the accommodation of all the prisoners. It will therefore become necessary to supply the deficiency; and, in the opinion of the Committee, this can be done more economically, and more for the interest of the City, at Deer Island, than in the present location of the House of Correction.

The preparation of the additional cells at South Boston, will cost as much as at Deer Island, with the exception of that portion of the expense which will be saved by employing convicts. The building at Deer Island is already erected, and merely requires to be fitted for this purpose.

It has been estimated that the House at Deer Island will contain about 1200 cells; a larger number than, we hope, will be needed for many years. The expense of fitting up 500 cells, which are all that are at present necessary, has been estimated at about \$35,000. Then.

by the use of the old materials at South Boston, and the employment of the convicts from time to time, as they may be wanted, the additional number of 700 could be prepared, at an expense of about \$20,000, making the whole cost of the 1200 cells about \$55,000.

The building now used for a House of Correction could be more advantageously applied by the City to other purposes. And, in view of the amount of expenditure required, the Committee are of the opinion that it would not be advisable to lay out large sums for new buildings and cells at South Boston, which cannot be expected to be permanently devoted to its present use.

The Committee therefore respectfully submit the following Resolve and Order; the first of which is for the action of this Board alone; while the second, involving the expenditure of more than \$5000, will, in case of its passage, have to be sent to the other branch of the City Council.

For the Committee.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the best interests of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk require, that the House of Correction should be removed from its present location, and established at Deer Island.

Passed.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*



CITY OF BOSTON.

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*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Buildings be, and they are hereby authorized to fit up a portion of the Brick Building on Deer Island, for the accommodation and detention of the convicts of the House of Correction, and to cause the said convicts to be transferred to Deer Island when the said accommodations are completed; the expense whereof is estimated at thirty-five thousand dollars: the same being in conformity with a Report and Resolve of the Mayor and Aldermen passed by them June 26, 1854.

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*June 26, 1854.*

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor*.

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*In Common Council, June 29, 1854.*

Referred to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President*.

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*July 3, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor*.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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*August 4th, 1854.*

The Sub-Committee appointed by and from the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, to which was referred the order of inquiry in relation to the expediency of making alterations in the Deer Island Hospital building, so as to render it a suitable building for use as a "House of Correction" and the removal of said Institution from South Boston to Deer Island,

## REPORT:

Your Committee are satisfied that increased accommodations are absolutely necessary for the number of persons now sentenced to the House of Correction. The statutes of the State make it a duty on the part of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston to provide for the County of Suffolk safe, convenient, and suitable buildings to be used as a House of Correction for said County.

It is a well understood fact that the buildings now used at South Boston, are not sufficiently extensive to accommodate and safely keep so large a number of prisoners as are at present confined there, and it is presumed that this number will be increasing rather than diminishing in the future.

The question to be decided is, which is the more proper and economical plan, considering all the circumstances connected with the subject, to adopt.

Shall we make such additions to the buildings at South Boston, as will enable us to meet present and future exigencies ;—or shall we so alter the Deer Island Hospital building as will render it a proper and safe building to be used for such a purpose ?

Your Committee are fully satisfied, all things considered, that the latter plan suggested is the more proper.

The State authorities having taken in charge the paupers, heretofore supported by the City, but who have been a State charge, the number now left at Deer Island is about 260.

This is a large and expensive building, having originally cost about \$260,000.

In its present use only a very small portion is occupied, and it becomes a serious question to decide what use shall be made of it. The House of Industry institution could be accommodated in one of the smaller wings. The City can put it to no profitable use unless it is made a House of Correction. A sale of this property would result, undoubtedly, in a great loss on the original cost. Fortunately it is so constructed that the necessary alterations can be made at a moderate cost.

It was the remark of a distinguished architect, that those who designed the building originally must have made a mistake and supposed it was to be one day a House of Correction, and not a House of Industry or Hospital.

Your Committee are informed that about 550 cells are now required to accommodate the present number of prisoners sentenced to this institution. By the report and communications herewith of Joseph R. Richards, Esq., an architect of some celebrity, and the papers accompanying the same, it will be seen that the alterations could be made and 552 cells constructed on the most approved plan for about \$45,000.

The construction of these cells would occupy only a portion of the building, and much valuable room would be left to be used as workshops for the prisoners; and if found eventually necessary, about 650 cells additional could be constructed in the building by convict labor, and using in part the materials now at South Boston, at a very small cost. Your Committee are satisfied that the above estimate of cost given by Mr. Richards will fully cover the expense of alterations at Deer Island, and they feel very confident that they could be done for some \$5,000 less.

The cost of making additions to the building at South Boston, of sufficient extent to meet present and probable future necessities, would in the estimation of the Committee, be quite equal to the cost of alterations at Deer Island. It is true there would not be so many cells to construct, but the additional buildings must necessarily be erected.

There is evidently a growing sentiment in the minds of the people in favor of the removal of all the City Institutions from South Boston. The City has a large amount of real estate there unoccupied and unproductive, very pleasantly situated and desirable for residences. In the immediate vicinity of the City lands are other extensive tracts of unimproved lands. It is thought that the main difficulties in the way of the sale and improvement of all these lands is, the presence of these institutions. If that difficulty is removed and the lands sold, much money might be brought to the City Treasury and millions of taxable property created.

It has been stated that these lands could not be sold. The Committee are authorized to say that responsible parties are now ready to purchase all of the City Lands for the purpose of improving the same, and

are ready to pay a price 20 per cent. higher than the price named at which it was said the lands could not be sold.

In view of these facts, the Committee recommend that alterations be made in the Deer Island Hospital building to make it suitable and safe as a House of Correction, and that said institution be located in said building.

For the Committee.

GEO. ODIORNE.

The Committee on Institutions adopt the above Report and recommend the passage of the following Order.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Chairman*.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Buildings in conjunction with the Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, be and they are hereby authorized to make such alterations in the Brick Building at Deer Island, as shall render it suitable for use as a House of Correction, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of \$45,000.

*Ordered*, That the Brick Building on Deer Island be, and the same is hereby appropriated for a House of Correction for the County of Suffolk, and to be occupied as soon as the necessary alterations can be completed.



46 COURT STREET, BOSTON, JULY 14TH, 1854.

JOSIAH DUNHAM, JR., ESQ.,

SIR,—In conformity with your request of the 12th instant, I have prepared drawings and estimates for the proposed alteration of the Deer Island Alms House, to the intended House of Correction, and have the honor to present the same for your examination.

The estimates for the labor and materials have been prepared under the direction of the undersigned, by competent and skilful mechanics: the work and materials are intended to be of the most substantial character, and as fire proof as possible; no use of wood being made in the alteration.

Should the front of cells be made of brick, as at the State Prison, in Charlestown, in place of granite, as at the House of Correction, at South Boston, a reduction from the estimated cost will be made as herewith submitted.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH R. RICHARDS.

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*General Description of the contemplated Alteration of  
Deer Island Alms House, for a House of Correction.*

The several floors of each story of the three wings are to be entirely torn away and removed from the Island, and the brick work made good where disturbed by said alteration.

The windows of the first and second stories, and all the doors of basement and stories above, are to have iron bar gratings and frames.

The cells are to be built in each wing, and are each to be  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet by 7 feet in clear, and 7 feet in height, from top to top of flooring;



the long wing will measure 184 feet in length, by 19 feet in width, and will be 28 feet in height, (4 stories:) the two short wings are each to be 84 feet in length, by 19 feet in width, and 35 feet in height, (5 stories).

The earth and gravel is to be excavated for trenches, and a bottom course of granite is to be bedded in cement therein, and brick walls commenced thereupon; the front walls of cells and the end walls are to be 12 inches in thickness; the party walls of cells are to be 8 inches in thickness; and the centre longitudinal or division walls of cells are to be 3 feet in thickness, having ventilators for each cell therein, commenced at the bottom of each cell and continued thence to roof, terminating in a series of ejecting ventilators, as explained more in detail hereafter.

The lower story is to be covered with a North River stone flooring, and each floor of cells and gallery is also to have a stone flooring, supported upon the cell walls and gallery columns: these floorings are to form also the ceilings of cells.

The iron columns, gallery railings, &c., are to be in form and dimension like those now in the new wing of House of Correction, at South Boston; the cell doors are to be 2 feet by 6 feet.

Iron stairs are to be built, as per description hereafter, similar to those at South Boston.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH R. RICHARDS, *Architect.*

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BOSTON, JULY 17TH, 1854.

TO JOSEPH R. RICHARDS:

SIR,—We have made estimates, from designs prepared by you, for the materials and labor, &c., required to build the two blocks of cells for the new House of Correction, at Deer Island; that is to say, to furnish all masonry for said cells, do all labor, including setting of all iron work, furnishing and setting all corridor floors, and covering stone for the upper tier of cells.

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Said long wing to contain 352 cells, being a block four stories in height; and the short wing to contain 200 cells, being a block five stories in height.

And agree to do all the above for the sum of \$34,224.

If the front of cells should be required to be built of stone, we will do and furnish the same for the sum of \$41,400.

GEO. S. ADAMS,  
WYATT RICHARDS.

BOSTON, JULY 21ST, 1854.

MR. J. R. RICHARDS :

SIR,—I have made estimates, from designs prepared by you, for the labor and materials, &c., required to build the blocks of cells for the new House of Correction, at Deer Island, and am willing to execute and furnish the same for the sum of \$46,920.

If the front of cells are to be built of granite, for the sum of \$50,784.

Respectfully, yours, &c.,

WILLIAM PARK.

MR. RICHARDS :

DEAR SIR,—I have made a hasty estimate on Iron Work, similar to the South Boston Work, including Kershaw Lock, Bedsteads, Ventilators, Doors, Columns, Rail Slide Bolts and fixtures, for about

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|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| -                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$16,666 |
| Stairs, about    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 950      |
| Window Gratings, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,200    |

Common Lock, \$1,000.

Kershaw Lock, 3,200 over and above Common Lock.

Leaving balance of \$13,466, for iron work similar to South Boston House of Correction.

This includes in above, work and delivery of materials at Deer Island, as usually done.

Respectfully, yours,

JAMES PERKINS.

(Equal to \$25 per cell, on an average.)



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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS,  
SEPTEMBER, 1854.

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*In Primary School Board,*

*Boston, September 12, 1854.*

Read, accepted, and ordered to be printed for distribution among the citizens.

CHARLES DEMOND, *Secretary.*

# REPORT.

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In conformity with the rules of the Primary School Board, the Executive Committee present the following semi-annual

## REPORT.

All the schools are examined in July by the several District Committees, and a detailed report of the Examinations forwarded to the Executive Committee, from which this report is compiled. The Examinations appear to have been judicious and thorough, and the Reports are full of valuable suggestions for the Teachers, to whose inspection they will be submitted.

## STATISTICS OF THE SCHOOLS.

On the last day of July, 1854, there were 197 schools, with 12,172 pupils, an increase of two schools, and 368 pupils since the last Report. Of this number 5,746 are girls, and 6,426 boys. Of the whole number of pupils 7,410, or over 60 per cent., are of foreign parentage, an increase of 374 since the last report. Children of different races are often strangely mingled together in our schools, and though the result may, and doubtless will



be, good for the future welfare of our country, it greatly increases the difficulty of the teachers' task. One teacher says, "I have children of Indian, Canadian, English, German, Colored, French, Low Dutch, Jewish, and American parentage; with the parents of some of them I can only communicate by signs." It has been said that God sifted three nations to find seed to plant this western world. More races seem to be gathering for its growth and perpetuity, and we know of no place in which they can be assimilated into a homogeneous people better than in our common schools. A great work is here going on, worthy the attention and co-operation of every patriot and philanthropist.

The number over eight years of age in the schools is 3,152; under 5 years, 1,903.

1,446 have been sent to the Grammar Schools since last February, and 1,429 are now prepared.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The percentage of attendance in all the schools for the past six months, has been 80 being an average of 47 pupils to each school each session. The highest percentage of attendance in any District, is in District 10, in which it is  $86\frac{1}{2}$ ; and the lowest is in District 5, where it is 75 per cent. The highest average attendance has also been in District 10, which is 56 to each school; the lowest is in District No. 2, East Boston, being 36.

The highest percentage of attendance in any one school, is in school 6, District 10, in which it is 96, with an average attendance of 66, and this, too, in an intermediate for boys. The lowest is in school 7, District 2, which is 60 per cent. This is a colored school. The

next lowest, and the lowest of any white school in the city, is in school 4, District 7, which is 61.

In 67 of the schools the percentage of attendance has been from 80 to 85 ; in 30, from 85 to 90 ; in 10, from 90 to 96, which, in view of the tender age of many of the pupils, their condition, and the large amount of sickness the past season, must be highly gratifying to the Board.

#### SICKNESS.

Though there has been more than usual sickness among the scholars the past six months, the number of deaths reported is less, being only 27.

The health of the teachers has been unusually good. Of the 197, 132 have not been absent from their schools at all from sickness ; 12 have been absent 1 day and less each ; 10 have been sick for periods varying from 1 to 5 months ; and the remaining 43 have been absent 5 days each on an average. It is worthy of remark that much of the sickness of teachers is attributed to damp and badly-ventilated rooms. This is a disgrace to the city, and should be remedied speedily. Four teachers have died during the past six months—Miss Henry, of District 4 ; Miss Stodder, of District 14 ; and Miss Delano, and Miss Hunt, of District 20, all faithful teachers, to whom feeling tributes have been given in the reports of the teachers and Committee. Faithful in their work on earth, we trust they now rest from their labors, where is no weariness, nor any pain.

Faithful and competent substitutes have been employed in place of the teachers necessarily absent, and the general character of the schools has been kept up. These substitutes have generally been chosen by the Committee, as the rules require ; but in District 9 they

have been put in by the teachers, and in a few instances, in other Districts. This should not be allowed.

#### SEWING.

1,723 are reported as attending to sewing, an increase of 282 the past six months. In some of the Districts there has been considerable attention paid to sewing, and with pleasing results, the teachers having found it an assistance in securing the interest of their pupils. The Executive Committee believe much might be done to secure attention to this important matter, by a little judicious exertion on the part of the teachers and Committee.

#### TRUANCY.

Truancy has nearly disappeared from our schools. There is hardly a case of hopeless truancy reported. The efforts of the Truant Officers seem to have been very kind and judicious, and many instances are mentioned in the teachers reports, where boys apparently fast falling into evil habits and vicious company, have been returned to school, and secured for virtue and usefulness, it is hoped. This is a noble work, and the Committee honor these officers for their wise and humane course, and will aid them all they can. The detention of children at home for slight causes is an evil of great magnitude, and seems to be increasing. While the labor of the children is of much value to many of the parents, it is impossible to secure their constant attendance; but much may be done by kind advice to the parents, as to the importance of education to their little ones; but after all that can be done, the teachers must, in too many cases, let patience have her perfect work, and do for the children all they can in the few days they are present in school.

## EXAMINATIONS AND VISITS.

The number of Examinations made by the members of the Local Committee the past six months, is 1,864, being an average of 9 to each school; and in the same time they have made 3,635 visits to the schools, or an average of  $18\frac{1}{2}$  nearly to each school. This shows a commendable interest on the part of the Committee, and has been of much value to the schools. The reports of the teachers abound with grateful allusions to the aid and encouragement they have derived from the visits and suggestions of the Committee. The effect of a mere visit to a school by one who feels an interest in the children, and sympathizes with the teachers, is very great; and when to this are added kind remarks, and friendly suggestions, teacher and children are cheered in their work, and much good accomplished.

We will now give a brief abstract of the reports from each District: —

District No. 1, East Boston, is sub-divided into three Districts.

*Sub-District No. I. 9 Schools.*

Examined by SAMUEL H. PINGRY.

The schools are reported in excellent condition. The Examiner says, "I can hardly express my gratification at the complete order, neatness and efficiency, which show much more prominent than at any examination I have heretofore attended. The lower classes are well advanced." All the teachers have made written reports, which speak in terms of gratitude of the visits and aid of the Committee. Sewing has been attended to with good success.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 8.5 ; in arithmetic, 7.5.

*Sub-District No. II. 7 Schools.*

Examined by EDWARD F. PORTER.

The schools in this District do not appear as well as on former Examinations. There has been much sickness, and the changes have been frequent. The reading was generally good. The scholars were, in general, prompt, orderly, and attentive, and the teachers appeared to have been efficient and industrious. The Committee have been faithful to their duties, and there is reason to hope for a great improvement at the next Examination. All the teachers have given written reports, which breathe a hopeful, earnest spirit, and abound in allusions to the kind aid of the Committee.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 20 ; in arithmetic, 26.

*Sub-District No. III. 6 Schools.*

Examined by W. H. CUDWORTH.

The reading was prompt, careful, and satisfactory. The errors in spelling and arithmetic were very few. The lower classes, with but one exception, were unusually well advanced. The discipline was kind and efficient. The schools of this District have improved very much under the increased zeal of the Committee and teachers, and are in a fair way to rank among the first in the city. All the teachers have made written reports, which give evident proof that the teachers feel their great responsibility, and are striving for the moral, as well as mental growth of their pupils.



Average percentage of errors in spelling, 6 ; in arithmetic, 4.

*District No. II. 9 Schools.*

Examined by T. F. CALDICOTT.

The schools of this District maintain their usual good character and condition. The reading was very good, and the appearance of the scholars satisfactory in all respects. There is still much suffering from poor rooms, but it is hoped this will soon be remedied, as the attention of the City Government is directed to the matter. The colored school has increased in numbers, and exhibited good attainments. Six of the teachers have given written reports, some of them very full and valuable.

The teacher of school 9, says "the jealousy that has recently sprung up between native and foreign children has caused some trouble;" with care and gentleness, difficulty from that source may be avoided in a great measure.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 9 ; in arithmetic, 10.

*District No. III. 9 Schools.*

Examined by H. L. DALTON.

The report of the Examiner is very brief, simply saying, "the schools were found in good condition," though the errors in spelling amounted to 15 per cent., and in arithmetic to 16 per cent.

All of the teachers have made written reports, and many matters of much interest are contained in them.

There is much trouble from irregular attendance, arising not from Truancy, but from the character of the parents, who often keep their children at home to aid



them. Neither parents nor children sufficiently understand the injury to the pupil and school caused by only a days' absence now and then. The Committee seem to have aided the teachers much by their counsel and encouragement. Most of the teachers in this District speak of the introduction of sewing among the boys, as well as girls, with much pleasure, and seem to regard it not only as beneficial to the scholars, but as an aid to themselves in governing the children. One says, speaking of sewing, "The difficulties to be overcome in this sort of instruction are very great, and no one who has not undertaken it, can form a just idea of the greatness of the task, though most certainly not greater than the importance and need of such teaching; and I should be very unwilling to give it up, even setting aside the pleasure derived from it by the children, thus placing in the hands of the teacher an effective reward or punishment."

*District No. IV. 8 Schools.*

Examined by W. H. LEARNARD, JR. and ELIJAH STEARNS.

The reading of all the classes was very good, and the tone and expression creditable. The Committee "are gratified to be able to say, that, without exception, the teachers of this District have given particular attention to this very important branch of Primary School education." All the classes gave good evidence of being well drilled in punctuation, numerals, and the Commandments.

The scholars were orderly in their deportment. The exercises were agreeably varied by songs, and declamations, and dialogues, most creditably performed. The

lower classes of all the 5 schools, except school 7, were found in most satisfactory condition. The report is full, and will be valuable to the teachers.

The teachers appear to be interested and faithful in their work, and all but one gave written reports.

Miss M. Elizabeth Henry, a teacher in this District, died on the 16th of March last. The reports of the Committee and teachers speak of her with much affection, as a devoted and faithful teacher. She had taught for two years with good success.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 15 ; in arithmetic, 14.

*District No. V. 8 Schools.*

Examined by CHARLES A. TURNER.

The reading was characterized by proper emphasis and tone, showing that the scholars understood what they read. The questions in arithmetic and spelling were answered promptly, most of the errors being made by scholars who had been inconstant in attending school. The Committee say that "the teachers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and evidently unwearied in their efforts to benefit their scholars ; and that the scholars have seconded the efforts of their teachers, by careful attention to their requirements, and by diligence in their studies." The rooms occupied by schools 3, 7, and 8, need attention.

All the teachers but one have made written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ; in arithmetic,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ .

*District VI. 10 Schools.*

Examined by A. G. WYMAN.

The examination proved very satisfactory, and the occasion a happy one to all present. It was a beautiful scene to witness so many bright, intelligent, and happy children, assembled together with their teachers, giving abundant proof of their interest and advancement in learning, and showing also that they were in the charge of faithful and assiduous teachers, who felt an interest in their welfare beyond that of simply instructing them in reading and spelling.

The pupils appeared well in all their studies, and the general tone and condition of the schools was good. Eight of the teachers failed to make written reports. The report is very full and particular, and is commended to the attention of the teachers.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 9 ; in arithmetic, 14.

*District VII. 7 Schools.*

Examined by THOMAS B. HAWKES and CHARLES F. EATON.

The Examiners say, "we are happy in being able to state that at no time within ten years have our schools appeared to so good advantage as at this Examination. We regard the reading as much in advance of any former year ; the spelling, also, was much improved." In all the other studies they appeared well. Sewing is well attended to in all the schools but two.

The Committee are gratified and much encouraged by this state of things. The teachers and Committee have been faithful and devoted. School 5 is spoken of with great approbation as a model school. Three teachers made written report ; four failed.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 11 ; in arithmetic, 8.

*District VIII. 7 Schools.*

Examined by BENJAMIN S. SHAW.

The Committee are very well satisfied with the general condition of the schools of this District. The schools for colored children did not make so good an appearance as the others, and this seems to be accounted for by the want of appreciation on the part of the parents, of the value of public schools, exhibiting itself in the absence and tardiness of the children. The room occupied by school No. 6 is unfit for the purpose, being dangerous to the health of teacher and pupils.

All the teachers made written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 16 ; in arithmetic, 19.

*District IX. 9 Schools.*

Examined by FRANCIS MINOT.

The children appeared neatly dressed, orderly, and happy. Generally they were attentive and prompt in their replies, and interested in their exercises. The reading was not as good as last year, and there were more errors in spelling, though the percentage was only 7. In arithmetic the scholars appeared extremely well, and also in the stops, numerals, &c. More frequent examinations might have corrected many of the common faults. The lower classes appeared well, and the Committee, on the whole, are satisfied with the examination, and do not attribute any deficiencies to want of fidelity or zeal on the part of the teachers.

The Committee regret to state that "Miss Sarah C.

Moore, the teacher of school 1, has been compelled by ill health to resign her situation, which she has filled with distinguished success for more than thirty years. During this period, by her faithful and untiring exertions, she has maintained the school in the first rank. She carries with her in her retirement the sympathy and good wishes of the Committee, as well as of a large number of friends and pupils."

One teacher made written report; eight failed.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 7; in arithmetic, 10.

*District X. 15 Schools. 990 Scholars.*

Examined by THOMAS F. CHASE.

Only 8 scholars in this District are of American parentage, but the results of this Examination show what a mighty work for our city and country is silently going on in our schools. The pupils appeared neat, bright, and intelligent, and gave abundant evidence that they had been carefully taught, and diligent pupils in their studies, in morals and deportment. The Examination was satisfactory, very much so considering the fact, that the prevalence of the cholera in this neighborhood, and the location of the Cholera Hospital directly in front of six of the schools, and near the other nine, has very much affected the attendance of the scholars. But notwithstanding these difficulties, the schools have maintained their relative standing in their studies and attendance. The average attendance in this District is the highest of any in the city, being 56 to each school, and the percentage is also the highest, being 86½; school 6, an intermediate for boys, has the highest percentage of any school in the city, being 96, with an



average attendance of 66 pupils. 84 boys have been fitted for the Grammar School in that school the past year; and in school 11, an intermediate for girls, 65 have been fitted in the same time. When it is recollected that these children are generally over eight, and ignorant of their letters when they enter school, we can form some adequate idea of the labor necessary to accomplish such results.

127 Examinations and 369 visits, show with what care the Committee of this District look after the schools.

Five of the teachers made written reports; ten failed.

Average percentage of errors in spelling,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ; in arithmetic, 8.

#### *District XI. 8 Schools.*

Examined by T. R. MARVIN and JOHN GARDNER.

The Committee say, "The schools generally appeared well, and performed the required lessons to good satisfaction. The spelling and arithmetic were particularly commendable. The teachers are believed to be faithful in performing their duties."

The report is very brief, and gives no percentage of errors.

Three of the teachers made written reports; five failed.

#### *District XII. 8 Schools.*

Examined by AZOR MAYNARD.

The reading was uniformly good, being characterized by a good degree of expression, and a careful attention to the marks of punctuation. The questions in spelling and arithmetic were promptly responded to, with an uncommon degree of accuracy. In every other respect



the schools appeared well. The schools were never, in the opinion of the Examiner, in better condition than at present, and the Committee have every reason to cherish unreserved confidence in the ability and faithfulness of their teachers.

All the teachers made written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 4 ; in arithmetic, 1.

*District XIII. 9 Schools.*

Examined by JOHN B. ALLEY.

The various exercises in reading and spelling were performed in a manner which evinced faithfulness and devotedness on the part of the teachers, and a lively interest on the part of the children. The enunciation was clear and distinct, suitable attention was given to the punctuation, and few words were repeated, omitted, or miscalled. The pupils exhibited good proficiency in arithmetic, abbreviations, numerals, &c. The schools are all in a satisfactory condition, the teachers efficient and faithful, and the pupils industrious and well behaved. Four of the teachers made written reports ; five failed.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 6 ; in arithmetic, 11.

*District XIV. 8 Schools.*

Examined by GEORGE A. CURTIS.

The result of the Examination was highly pleasing. The children were orderly and attentive, and evinced by their behavior, and the progress they had made in their studies, that they were under the care of faithful

and competent teachers. The lower classes were in good condition, and the order good.

Since the last Examination Miss Harriet A. T. Stodder has been called by the Great Teacher to rest from her labors. She had taught in this District upwards of sixteen years, and given great satisfaction, and her memory will be cherished by a large number of pupils, as well as by the Committee, and her associate teachers. One of them in her report says, "We mourn the loss of one of our ablest and best, one who has for many years been a faithful and devoted teacher. Her departure has caused a vacancy in our hearts which we cannot hope shall soon be filled." Three Teachers failed to make written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 10; in arithmetic, 16.

### *District XV. 8 Schools.*

Examined by WILLIAM DALL.

The condition of these schools is reported as "entirely satisfactory," and from the statistics they seem to retain their high standing. The Committee are remarkably attentive, and the teachers faithful and successful. The library obtained with the encouragement money is doing much good.

All the teachers but one have made written reports, which show an earnest, hopeful spirit, and much devotedness to their work, as we might well expect from their success.

Average percentage of errors in spelling,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; in arithmetic,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

*District XVI. 12 Schools.*

Examined by CALEB GILL.

The Examination was more satisfactory than the previous one, and with some exceptions, the schools have made good progress. The reading generally was good — some very good — with some want of expression and emphasis. In spelling and arithmetic there was an improvement. Abbreviations and numerals were well understood. Most of the teachers have been diligent and faithful. The lower classes were doing well. There is an improvement in the discipline of No. 6, and need of it in No.'s 2 and 5.

Only three of the teachers have made written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 19; in arithmetic, 20.

*District XVII. 12 Schools.*

Examined by ZIBEON SOUTHARD.

The reading of the first classes was less satisfactory than most of the other exercises, though there were many marked exceptions, in which distinctness, promptness, good emphasis, and correct pauses were exhibited. The schools in which there was the most failure were those where there have been recent changes of teacher. The Examination in arithmetic, spelling, punctuation, tables, &c., was very satisfactory, and indicated thorough drilling in nearly all the schools. The schools, with the above exceptions, were in a fair condition, and under new teachers, and renewed care from the Committee, it is hoped they will all soon improve much. The Examiner's report is full and dis-

criminating, and may be perused to advantage by the teachers. Five of the teachers have made written reports; seven failed.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 7; in arithmetic, 4.

*District XVIII. 9 Schools.*

Examined by SAMUEL WADSWORTH.

The reading was generally very good, being prompt, distinct, with a good attention to the stops, and to the expression required by the sense.

The exercises in spelling and arithmetic were good, and in their recitations the pupils were attentive and ready. School 5 gave some declamations, pleasantly varying the exercises. School 6 has steadily improved under its present teacher.

Schools 1, 2 and 3 require more attention to the reading, and care on the part of the scholars, and 10 will be benefited by the care of a Committee.

The rooms were kept in good condition, and the neatness and good order of the children much to be commended. The Examiner closes by saying that "the condition of the schools ought to give general satisfaction, and with renewed efforts of teachers and Committee, we need have no fear but our schools will do their part in making our youth capable of fulfilling their duties of life intelligently."

Only one teacher made written report.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 6; in arithmetic, 9.

*District XIX. 9 Schools.*

Examined by J. E. HERRICK.

The reading of the first classes was quite good, and enunciation distinct, but little hesitation, and a general observance of the stops. Schools 2 and 8 were deficient. The second classes were not equal to the first in these points. Schools 2 and 4 have improved much during the year. School 5 has retrograded in the same time. The other schools are in their usual excellent condition, some of them being of the first order of Schools.

The lower classes in most of the schools were advanced beyond the requirements. The deportment of all the pupils was excellent.

Four of the teachers failed to make written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 9; in arithmetic, 6½.

*District XX. 10 Schools.*

Examined by R. M. HODGES.

Some of the schools have improved much during the past six months in neatness and good order. Several of the schools are in excellent condition, and some need careful attention. The Examiner says, "The District is not up to the standard the Committee would desire; the situation of the schools, the bad schoolrooms, the misfortune of losing two teachers during the past six months, and the predominance of foreign children, are difficulties which it is to be hoped new rooms, intelligent and energetic teachers, and a diligent and co-operating Committee, interested in their duties, as they seem to be at present, will speedily overcome."



There is some want of punctuality among the teachers as well as scholars, which should receive the attention of the local Committee.

Two of the teachers, Miss Mercy B. Delano and Miss Ellen V. Hunt, have been removed by death the past six months. They had taught with diligence and good success — Miss Delano for nine years, and Miss Hunt for five years. A teacher in her report says, “Two much loved teachers, during the past term, have passed away from among us, but the remembrance of their gentle deeds, the pleasing thoughts associated with their names, and the purity of their influence, will ever be fondly cherished ; and while we cannot suppress the sigh of mingled sorrow and regret at their loss, let us feel thankful they were so long with us, and more than all, that they were not found unprepared for the great change which we are all so soon to meet.”

Four of the teachers failed to make written reports.

Average percentage of errors in spelling, 12 ; in arithmetic, 11.

The Executive Committee have thus given a very brief abstract of the Examiners' reports, many of which are very full, and contain valuable hints to the teachers and District Committee, to whom they will be delivered for perusal.

The Schools are in good condition, and the teachers and Committee are earnest and cordial in their labors for the young.

The Primary Schools, and the Primary School Committee have grown up together. At a Town Meeting held in Faneuil Hall, June 11, 1818, a Committee of thirty-six gentlemen was appointed to provide free instruction for children between four and seven years of age. Before this time children were fitted for the



Grammar Schools by private tuition, and the children of the poor were growing up in ignorance.

This Committee established 20 Schools the first year, containing 1,118 pupils. With the increase of our population the number of the Schools and of Committee has increased, till we now have 197 of each, and 12,172 pupils receiving instruction. The system of Primary Schools has thus grown up as the wants of the people demanded, and is the result of experience. Under it the Schools have flourished, and have received the most careful supervision. The teachers have been aided, and the pupils encouraged; over 11,000 visits and examinations of these Schools are made in each year by the Committee, occupying more than 1,000 days of time, whose pecuniary value is not easily calculated. All this time and care have been freely expended from the benevolent and patriotic desire to aid in rightly training the young, in which is the hope and safety of our country. To the office of Primary School Committee pertains no emolument nor honor; they can expend no money. The only reward is the consciousness of doing good, and the hope of aiding in perpetuating what is valuable in our institutions.

Prejudices have arisen against this system from time to time, and been carefully fostered in some quarters, but they have uniformly disappeared before candid examination. The system is said to be complicated, but its main feature is to have a competent Committee-man to each School.\* It is called undemocratic, but it is

\* The Primary Schools are separate Schools, each teacher having sole charge, and being responsible for her School. This renders the advice, aid and supervision of a Special Committee much more important to her, and to her School, than to a female teacher in a Grammar School, who is under the care of the Master, responsible for her

chosen each year by the Grammar Committee, who are directly responsible to the people. It is said to perpetuate itself, but from 30 to 50 of its members are changed each year. It is reproached with extravagance in spending money, but it has not the control of one dollar of the public money. It does, and always has numbered among its members, many of the wisest and best men of the city, who give abundantly of their valuable time to this humble but all important work. Under it the Schools have flourished, and results have been produced that we may well challenge the world to equal. The teachers have felt that in their Committee they had friends wise and faithful, to advise and reprove, and ready to sympathize, and the scholars have rejoiced and taken fresh courage under their counsels. The growth of experience, the experience and results of the past, are its best eulogy. A change is contemplated — and by the adoption of the proposed City Charter, this Committee will be done away, and the work which has occupied so much of the time of 223 men will be entrusted to 72, who are to be selected amid the heat and turmoil of a political contest.\* We desire only the good of

and therefore moved by the strongest of motives to look carefully after her in her teaching, thus easing the Grammar Committee of the care of a large portion of the teachers.

\* The School Committee of Boston now consists of the Mayor, President of the Common Council, and 24 men chosen by the Wards, and known as the Grammar School Committee, and 197 men appointed by the Grammar School Committee, and known as the Primary School Committee. Section 54 of the proposed Charter provides for the choice of 72 men, who are to take charge of all the Schools. This would do away with the Primary Committee, and with all the careful and abounding labor which has been performed by them for the good of the Schools. Whether the Schools will be made better, and the best interests of the City promoted by this change, is a grave question, to be decided at the polls by each citizen.

the Schools, and if this change should take place, and result in giving us better Schools, and better educated pupils, each member of this Committee will rejoice, and bless those who shall accomplish it. But it should be remembered that all “change is not reform,” and true reforms are generally slow in their growth, and gradual in their accomplishment.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the Executive Committee.

CHARLES DEMOND.

*Tabular Abstract of the District Committees' Returns, for the half-year ending July 31, 1854, compiled by the Secretary.*

| Number of the District. | Number of Schools. | No. in Schools at last month's Report. | Admitted last six months. | Left last six months. | Sent to Grammar Schools. | Now fitted for Grammar Schools. | Now belonging to the Schools. |       |        | Average Attendance. | Average Absence. | Percentage of Attendance. | Number who attend Sewing. | Of Foreign Parentage. | Number who are 8 years old and over. | Number who are under 5 years. | Number of Examinations. | Number of Visits. |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                         |                    |                                        |                           |                       |                          |                                 | Girls.                        | Boys. | TOTAL. |                     |                  |                           |                           |                       |                                      |                               |                         |                   |
| E. Boston.              |                    |                                        |                           |                       |                          |                                 |                               |       |        |                     |                  |                           |                           |                       |                                      |                               |                         |                   |
| 1                       | 9                  | 551                                    | 380                       | 326                   | 64                       | 83                              | 302                           | 290   | 592    | 48                  | 13               | 75                        | 140                       | 331                   | 151                                  | 146                           | 55                      | 40                |
| 2                       | 7                  | 363                                    | 180                       | 225                   | 61                       | 49                              | 142                           | 183   | 325    | 36                  | 10               | 77                        |                           | 151                   | 62                                   | 62                            | 88                      | 68                |
| 3                       | 6                  | 361                                    | 188                       | 142                   | 44                       | 63                              | 207                           | 201   | 408    | 47                  | 15               | 76                        | 29                        | 268                   | 111                                  | 61                            | 33                      | 86                |
| City.                   |                    |                                        |                           |                       |                          |                                 |                               |       |        |                     |                  |                           |                           |                       |                                      |                               |                         |                   |
| 2                       | 9                  | 516                                    | 240                       | 220                   | 63                       | 63                              | 251                           | 285   | 536    | 47                  | 9                | 82                        | 100                       | 315                   | 150                                  | 83                            | 64                      | 197               |
| 3                       | 9                  | 562                                    | 169                       | 147                   | 55                       | 51                              | 271                           | 313   | 584    | 47                  | 15               | 76                        | 108                       | 380                   | 167                                  | 87                            | 46                      | 116               |
| 4                       | 8                  | 506                                    | 207                       | 192                   | 57                       | 70                              | 241                           | 293   | 534    | 54                  | 11               | 83                        | 32                        | 414                   | 188                                  | 96                            | 59                      | 62                |
| 5                       | 8                  | 567                                    | 216                       | 283                   | 70                       | 67                              | 278                           | 281   | 559    | 52                  | 16               | 75                        | 84                        | 463                   | 178                                  | 89                            | 100                     | 200               |
| 6                       | 10                 | 569                                    | 240                       | 252                   | 67                       | 66                              | 255                           | 287   | 542    | 42                  | 10               | 76                        | 24                        | 179                   | 111                                  | 76                            | 124                     | 206               |
| 7                       | 7                  | 405                                    | 148                       | 160                   | 52                       | 54                              | 180                           | 217   | 397    | 43                  | 10               | 77                        | 90                        | 255                   | 75                                   | 64                            | 89                      | 88                |
| 8                       | 7                  | 421                                    | 133                       | 157                   | 58                       | 62                              | 199                           | 217   | 416    | 46                  | 14               | 78                        | 136                       | 104                   | 44                                   | 61                            | 52                      | 78                |
| 9                       | 9                  | 521                                    | 149                       | 184                   | 71                       | 69                              | 220                           | 267   | 487    | 41                  | 11               | 78                        | 88                        | 170                   | 108                                  | 68                            | 71                      | 130               |
| 10                      | 15                 | 943                                    | 491                       | 444                   | 155                      | 91                              | 454                           | 536   | 990    | 56                  | 8                | 86.5                      | 184                       | 982                   | 304                                  | 126                           | 127                     | 369               |
| 11                      | 8                  | 409                                    | 168                       | 146                   | 48                       | 47                              | 185                           | 245   | 430    | 43                  | 8                | 82.5                      | 95                        | 353                   | 121                                  | 69                            | 50                      | 155               |
| 12                      | 8                  | 407                                    | 253                       | 195                   | 46                       | 46                              | 197                           | 268   | 465    | 49                  | 9                | 84                        | 13                        | 378                   | 136                                  | 72                            | 90                      | 237               |
| 13                      | 9                  | 529                                    | 184                       | 173                   | 56                       | 69                              | 255                           | 284   | 539    | 47                  | 10               | 81                        | 32                        | 104                   | 105                                  | 76                            | 169                     | 230               |
| 14                      | 8                  | 457                                    | 159                       | 161                   | 41                       | 51                              | 220                           | 236   | 456    | 43                  | 12               | 77                        | 189                       | 215                   | 125                                  | 75                            | 44                      | 275               |
| 15                      | 8                  | 476                                    | 224                       | 191                   | 61                       | 64                              | 229                           | 253   | 482    | 43                  | 12               | 77                        | 38                        | 191                   | 137                                  | 68                            | 102                     | 141               |
| 16                      | 12                 | 739                                    | 398                       | 340                   | 111                      | 101                             | 382                           | 408   | 790    | 50                  | 12               | 80                        | 38                        | 608                   | 185                                  | 142                           | 140                     | 120               |
| 17                      | 12                 | 722                                    | 281                       | 213                   | 90                       | 93                              | 386                           | 408   | 787    | 47                  | 12               | 78                        | 113                       | 333                   | 155                                  | 136                           | 130                     | 227               |
| 18                      | 9                  | 598                                    | 252                       | 220                   | 55                       | 52                              | 297                           | 332   | 629    | 53                  | 11               | 82                        | 193                       | 317                   | 170                                  | 99                            | 64                      | 184               |
| 19                      | 9                  | 601                                    | 250                       | 226                   | 68                       | 60                              | 304                           | 320   | 624    | 54                  | 12               | 81                        | 8                         | 399                   | 152                                  | 79                            | 90                      | 187               |
| 20                      | 10                 | 589                                    | 235                       | 226                   | 53                       | 58                              | 291                           | 309   | 600    | 46                  | 13               | 78                        | 30                        | 500                   | 217                                  | 68                            | 97                      | 239               |
| Totals,                 |                    |                                        | 11804                     | 4945                  | 4763                     | 1446                            | 5746                          | 6426  | 12172  | 1034                | 253              | 1723                      | 1762                      | 7410                  | 3152                                 | 1903                          | 1864                    | 3635              |
| Average,                |                    |                                        |                           |                       |                          |                                 |                               |       | 64     | 47                  | 11½              | 80                        |                           |                       |                                      |                               | 9                       | 18½               |

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*To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen.*

GENTLEMEN;

In conformity with Section 8th of the Fire Ordinance, I herewith lay before your Honorable Board, a list of Officers and Members attached to the Boston Fire Department, with their ages and residences; also the Apparatus under their charge, and its condition; the number of Fires the past year, the Reservoirs and other resources from which water can be obtained in case of Fire; also, the Fire Ordinance and Rules and Regulations of the Department.

The Department has been called out during the year ending on the thirty-first day of August, from Fires in the City, One hundred and fifty-three times; False alarms, Twelve times; Burning chimneys, Ten times; Alarms originating out of the City, Nine times; Rekindling of ruins, Six times; Repeating of alarm, and falling of buildings, Five times; making a total of One hundred and ninety-five alarms.

The amount of Loss by Fire, as far as can be ascertained, is \$150,772; the Insurance on the same \$106,880.

The Engine Houses are in good condition with the exception of Hook and Ladder House No. 3. A new house is erecting for Engine Company No. 7, on Purchase street, and Engine House No. 1 has been thoroughly repaired during the past month.

CHARLES S. CLARK,  
*Acting Chief Engineer.*

## ENGINEERS.

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### ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER,

CHARLES S. CLARK, . . . 32 Snowhill street.

### ASSISTANT ENGINEERS,

GEORGE W. BIRD, . . . 3 Hawthorn place.

ELISHA SMITH, JR., . . . 17 Franklin place.

GEORGE S. THOM, . . . 51 Athens street, South Boston.

RICHARD S. MARTIN, . . 138 Charles street.

DAVID C. MELOON, . . . 58 Lincoln street.

JOSEPH DUNBAR, . . . . 4 Bennington street, E. Boston.

JAMES QUINN, . . . . . 1 Morton street.

FREDERICK A. COLBURN, 11 Montgomery place.

HENRY HART, *Secretary.*

## MAZEPPA ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.

HOUSE ON BROADWAY, SOUTH BOSTON.

| Members.                             | Ages. | Residence.             |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Bean Ruel H., <i>Foreman</i> ,       | 30    | Fourth street place.   |
| Cunningham Wm. H., <i>As't Fore.</i> | 25    | 140 Athens street.     |
| Richards Frederick, <i>Clerk</i> ,   | 25    | F, near Fourth street. |
| Larrabee John, <i>Steward</i> ,      | 41    | 148 Broadway.          |
| Bird Charles L.                      | 26    | 130 Athens street.     |
| Brown Nathan,                        | 36    | 114 Third "            |
| Baldwin Clark B.,                    | 36    | 244 Broadway.          |
| Dill Joseph,                         | 31    | E, near Fifth street.  |
| Evans Solon,                         | 33    | 46 Broadway.           |
| French Jesse B.,                     | 31    | Athens street.         |
| Fowler Henry B.                      | 23    | Dorchester street.     |
| Gray Samuel A.                       | 33    | 194 Fifth "            |
| Gerrish Paul H.                      | 23    | Fourth "               |
| Gleason William,                     | 35    | 163 Silver "           |
| Huff William,                        | 46    | 117 Broadway.          |
| Harris Henry B.                      | 25    | 97 Silver street.      |
| Hallett Daniel,                      | 27    | E street.              |
| Haines William B.                    | 25    | 131 Fourth street.     |
| Hardy Charles A. S.                  | 50    | " "                    |
| Homer Gilman W.                      | 22    | Third "                |
| Jones Ezekiel R.                     | 36    | 116 " "                |
| Joyce Benjamin R.                    | 31    | 212 Broadway.          |
| Karcher Christian,                   | 41    | 218 "                  |
| Karcher Charles F.                   | 24    | Athens street.         |
| Olds David,                          | 29    | 204 Bolton street.     |
| Prescott Joseph T.                   | 35    | 192 Fifth "            |
| Phelps Henry M.                      | 35    | 199 Silver "           |
| Patterson James,                     | 37    | 240 Fourth "           |
| Miller James E.                      | 31    | 326 " "                |
| Smith David,                         | 31    | Silver "               |
| Stodder Matthew,                     | 31    | E, near Third street.  |
| Simmons William K.                   | 34    | Athens street.         |
| Scriggins Joseph,                    | 32    | " "                    |
| Shedd Charles R.                     | 25    | 197 Second "           |
| Shedd Henry E.                       | 23    | 197 " "                |
| Talpey Daniel M.                     | 35    | 106 Bolton "           |
| Wright Frederick S.                  | 29    | Athens "               |

37 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1835, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition good; Diameter of Cylinder, 6 inches; stroke of Piston, 16 inches; 24 feet Suction Hose, in good order. There are 1050 feet of Leading Hose, in good order; Two Hose Carriages, 8 Buckets and 3 Axes. Condition of House good.

## PERKINS ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.

HOUSE ON BROADWAY, SOUTH BOSTON.

| Members.                             | Ages. | Residence.               |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Weston Daniel, Jr., <i>Foreman</i> , | 30    | 131 Fourth street.       |
| Brown George, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 27    | 23 Silver "              |
| Hill John B., <i>Clerk</i> ,         | 31    | 121 Fourth "             |
| Hutchings Theodore, <i>Steward</i> , | 32    | Fourth, near C street.   |
| Berry Lewis M.                       | 22    | 129 Fourth street.       |
| Brown Charles L.                     | 22    | Athens "                 |
| Brockway Harris,                     | 33    | Third, near B street.    |
| Cummings Stephen,                    | 40    | B, near Third "          |
| Cummings Amos,                       | 23    | B, " " "                 |
| Cummings William A.                  | 22    | B, " " "                 |
| Davis George H.                      | 24    | Gardner court.           |
| Donnell Alonzo,                      | 24    | B, near Third street.    |
| Drake Augustine J.                   | 28    | B, corner Silver street. |
| Davenport Andrew J.                  | 30    | A, near " "              |
| Evans John,                          | 30    | B, near Third "          |
| Evans Thomas H.                      | 37    | Dorchester street.       |
| Evans James O.                       | 29    | " "                      |
| Goodwin Daniel,                      | 22    | Fourth "                 |
| Hoard George A.                      | 26    | " "                      |
| Lincoln Peter,                       | 33    | Broadway.                |
| Linscott Jeremiah G.                 | 28    | "                        |
| Lewis Eben A.                        | 39    | Athens street.           |
| Libby Moses H.                       | 24    | Broadway.                |
| Marshall Kendall W.                  | 31    | B, corner Third street.  |
| Merrill George W.                    | 33    | Ontario street.          |
| McKeen Enoch L.                      | 26    | Athens "                 |

| Members.          | Ages. | Residence.               |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Nelson Roswell G. | 22    | Fourth street.           |
| Neal John P.      | 29    | A, corner Silver street. |
| Nash Ebenezer H.  | 24    | Fourth street.           |
| Perkins Edward A. | 28    | Silver “                 |
| Rowell Oliver P.  | 27    | B, corner Silver street. |
| Rowe James,       | 36    | Athens street.           |
| Sanger William A. | 28    | Fourth “                 |
| Staniels Ira,     | 25    | Third “                  |
| Stone James O.    | 25    | B, near Third street.    |
| Scott George,     | 26    | B, “ “ “                 |
| Tripp William H.  | 36    | Athens street.           |
| Wood Richard,     | 36    | Fourth “                 |
| Welch William P.  | 31    | Athens “                 |

39 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1845, by W. C. Hunneman & Co., of Roxbury; Diameter of Cylinders,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 16 inches; 25 feet of Suction Hose. There are 1000 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 8 Buckets, and 2 Axes. The House is in good condition.

EAGLE ENGINE COMPANY, No 3.

HOUSE IN WASHINGTON STREET.

Company disbanded by Mayor and Aldermen, September 4, 1854.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1831, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinder,  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches; Stroke of Piston,  $14\frac{1}{2}$  inches; 26 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 1000 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 8 Buckets and 3 Axes. Condition of House is good.

## CATARACT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 4.

HOUSE AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT VERNON STREET.

| Members.                                | Ages. | Residence.                  |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Vinal Alvin, <i>Foreman</i> ,           | 34    | 1 Vine street.              |
| Damrell John S., <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 27    | 3 Champney place.           |
| Gerrish Timothy, <i>Clerk</i> ,         | 36    | 88 Chestnut street.         |
| Whitney Otis C., <i>Steward</i> ,       | 42    | 1 Rollins place.            |
| Bickford James,                         | 41    | 88 Chestnut street.         |
| Bagley Perkins H.                       | 39    | 4 Lime “                    |
| Bradford William H.                     | 28    | 4 Champney place.           |
| Dana David D.                           | 27    | 15 Vine street.             |
| Dailey Thomas H.                        | 23    | 110 Cambridge street.       |
| Damrell Thomas,                         | 34    | 4 Champney place.           |
| Fortunebacher Francis,                  | 31    | 50 Southac street.          |
| Farrar Rufus B.                         | 25    | 111 May “                   |
| Farrar Stephen,                         | 23    | 1 Almont “                  |
| Fox Henry F.                            | 42    | Braman's Bath street.       |
| Green Benjamin F.                       | 25    | 5 River street.             |
| Ham Lemuel M.                           | 26    | 16 Nashua street.           |
| Jones Leander,                          | 24    | 176 Cambridge street.       |
| Jones Robert S.                         | 33    | rear of Cambridge street.   |
| Joslyn Henry E.                         | 39    | 10 Mount Vernon avenue.     |
| Kilburn George H.                       | 45    | 5 Grove place.              |
| Knox Adam,                              | 40    | 29 Garden street.           |
| Lincoln Bela M.                         | 24    | 62 Chestnut street.         |
| Ladd Hastings A.                        | 31    | 10 Lindall place.           |
| Morse Alvah,                            | 34    | 52 May street.              |
| Prouty Nathaniel,                       | 24    | 14 Prospect street.         |
| Porter James,                           | 29    | Braman's Bath street.       |
| Pike Nathan C.                          | 23    | 116 Charles street.         |
| Smith John G. R.                        | 26    | 39 Myrtle “                 |
| Smith George H.                         | 23    | 52 West Centre street.      |
| Singleton James C.                      | 30    | 7 McLane court.             |
| Smytherman Charles,                     | 24    | Garden street.              |
| Stone Henry C.                          | 22    | 116 Charles “ [tile sts.    |
| Stetson Charles P.                      | 35    | corner W. Centre & Myr-     |
| Town Alexander H.                       | 27    | 29 West Centre street.      |
| Town Charles H.                         | 23    | 22 “ “ “                    |
| Whittemore Leicester H.                 | 24    | 5 River street.             |
| Whitney Charles S.                      | 24    | Blossom, cor. Cambridge st. |
| Warren Briggs T.                        | 31    | 3 Rollins place.            |
| Wharton Charles H.                      | 30    | 39 Grove street.            |

39 Members.



*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1847, by Hunneman & Co., of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinders,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 16 inches; 26 feet of Suction Hose, in good order. There are 1000 feet of Leading Hose, in good order; Two Hose Carriages, 4 Buckets, and 2 Axes. The condition of the House is good.

## EXTINGUISHER ENGINE COMPANY, No. 5.

## HOUSE IN EAST STREET.

| Members.                              | Ages. | Residence.           |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Maxwell John S., <i>Foreman</i> ,     | 28    | 45 Hudson street.    |
| Rumery William M., <i>Ass't Fore.</i> | 29    | 56 South "           |
| Holt Samuel W., <i>Clerk</i> ,        | 27    | 47 " "               |
| Riley David, <i>Steward</i> ,         | 30    | 5 Spear place.       |
| Allard Benjamin M.                    | 22    | 19 Gridley street.   |
| Bray Joseph E.                        | 21    | 53 Lincoln "         |
| Bray Charles H.                       | 22    | 53 " "               |
| Chapin Gardner B.                     | 27    | 58 " "               |
| Crane Charles E.                      | 30    | 6 East street place. |
| Crane William,                        | 23    | 427 Broad street.    |
| Chamberlin Christopher P.             | 22    | 41 Albany "          |
| Dickey William,                       | 22    | 4 Morton place.      |
| French Amos W.                        | 35    | 110 Tyler street.    |
| Flanders Franklin,                    | 25    | 47 South "           |
| Farnum Joseph,                        | 34    | 7 Hartford place.    |
| Fassett Mortimer S.                   | 23    | 58 Lincoln street.   |
| Goodhue Ebenezer H.                   | 23    | 47 South "           |
| Getchell Addison,                     | 23    | 26 Sea "             |
| Hull Hiram,                           | 35    | 46 Oak "             |
| Knowles Stephen B.                    | 34    | Swan "               |
| Kimball Calvin C.                     | 23    | 7 East street place. |
| Ladd B. William,                      | 23    | 427 Broad street.    |
| Milliken Edward W.                    | 27    | 46 Oak "             |
| Meloon Charles L.                     | 25    | 115 Hudson street.   |
| Maxwell Albion P.                     | 30    | 45 " "               |
| Putney Sewall,                        | 35    | 7 East street place. |
| Presby Mason W.                       | 24    | 46 Oak street.       |

| Members.             | Ages. | Residence.            |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Putney Lyman K.      | 23    | 7 East street place.  |
| Putney Milton J.     | 24    | 7 " " "               |
| Renfrew James,       | 27    | 77 Purchase street.   |
| Sampson George,      | 24    | 56 South "            |
| Sampson Walter S.    | 22    | 2 La Grange place.    |
| Stackpole William H. | 24    | 60 Lincoln street.    |
| Thompson Amasa D.    | 27    | 3 South street place. |
| Wallingford Hiram L. | 28    | 48 Harvard street.    |
| Walker Seth C.       | 26    | 58 Lincoln "          |
| Woodis Willard S.    | 27    | 5 East street place.  |
| Walker Francis C.    | 29    | 427 Broad street.     |
| Woodis George P.     | 22    | 46 Oak "              |
| Wright William T.    | 28    | 26 Sea "              |

40 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1835, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinders, 6 inches; Stroke of Piston, 16 inches; 26 feet of Suction Hose, in good order. There are 1000 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 8 Buckets, and 2 Axes. The condition of the House is good.

MELVILLE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 6.

HOUSE IN WALL STREET.

| Members.                               | Ages. | Residence.              |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Carter Charles, <i>Foreman</i> ,       | 36    | 69 South Margin street. |
| Boston Octavus, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 35    | 1 Wall street,          |
| Blake William, <i>Clerk</i> ,          | 43    | 2 Chapel place.         |
| Wilson Cushing B., <i>Steward</i> ,    | 47    | 2 Russell place.        |
| Austin Nathan N.                       | 43    | 9 Andover street.       |
| Bailey Benjamin H.                     | 26    | 11 Butolph street.      |
| Beard Eben,                            | 33    | 63 Nashua "             |
| Batchelder James L.                    | 24    | 30 Portland "           |

| Members.             | Ages. | Residence.              |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Brown Benjamin P.    | 30    | 44 Prince street.       |
| Chase John H.        | 34    | 93 Merrimac street.     |
| Cook Levi F.         | 26    | 54 Hanover “            |
| Caswell Thomas K.    | 22    | 16 Lowell “             |
| Dudley Daniel C.     | 25    | 24 Cooper “             |
| Dana George B.       | 28    | Lowell “                |
| Drew Wallace,        | 21    | Marshall “              |
| Follett William B.   | 27    | North Margin street.    |
| Folsom Charles F. B. | 21    | Lowell street.          |
| Geyer Charles C.     | 26    | Leverett “              |
| Gage Albert,         | 30    | 28 Nashua “             |
| Gilcrease John M.    | 31    | 63 South Margin street. |
| Harradon William,    | 38    | 36 Green street         |
| Hatch James B.       | 27    | 50 Billerica street.    |
| Kingsbury Nathaniel, | 41    | 8 Nashua “              |
| Leavitt Jonathan,    | 32    | “ “                     |
| Merrill John E.      | 35    | 54 “ “                  |
| Pingree William L.   | 21    | Marshall “              |
| Rogers William J.    | 22    | 24 Nashua “             |
| Sturtevant Alden W.  | 28    | Staniford place.        |
| Wilson Thomas M.     | 32    | 10 Cotting street.      |
| Wentworth James,     | 27    | 24 Nashua “             |
| Wilson Calvin C.     | 25    | 10 Cotting “            |
| Wiggin James F.      | 22    | 24 Nashua “             |

32 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1832, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinders, 6 inches; Stroke of Piston,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches; 24 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 900 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. One Hose Carriage, 4 Buckets, and 2 Axes. The condition of the House is good.

## HOWARD ENGINE COMPANY, No. 7.

## HOUSE IN PURCHASE STREET.

| Members.                               | Agcs. | Residence.             |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Dwinnell David L. M., <i>Foreman</i> , | 29    | 9 Gridley street.      |
| Henry Charles C., <i>Assis't Fore.</i> | 38    | 201 Washington street. |
| Whipple Thomas, <i>Clerk</i> ,         | 26    | 77 Purchase "          |
| Crosby Samuel A., <i>Steward</i> ,     | 24    | 5 Purchase place.      |
| Alley John Q.                          | 22    | 19 Gridley street.     |
| Abercrombie George,                    | 26    | 6 Purchase place.      |
| Blackman Dexter,                       | 24    | 5 Hartford "           |
| Boston Joseph,                         | 31    | 19 Gridley street.     |
| Bosworth Milford,                      | 22    | 72 Lincoln "           |
| Buchanan John, 3d.                     | 27    | 7 Purchase place.      |
| Brown Philip,                          | 30    | 59 Atkinson street.    |
| Clark Isaac,                           | 25    | 77 Purchase "          |
| Edmunds Isaac S.                       | 25    | 66 " "                 |
| Furber Daniel S.                       | 28    | 8 Hartford place.      |
| Ferrin John G.                         | 23    | 5 " "                  |
| Grover Horace N.                       | 22    | 5 " "                  |
| Gilmore George,                        | 24    | 6 Purchase "           |
| Galucia Daniel,                        | 23    | 13 Essex "             |
| Hall George B.                         | 22    | 77 Purchase street.    |
| Ham Rufus K.                           | 25    | 3 East street place.   |
| Jones Alexander B.                     | 25    | 77 Purchase street.    |
| Keay Freeman L.                        | 33    | 77 " "                 |
| Leavitt Edwin L.                       | 23    | 19 Gridley "           |
| McLaughlin Archibald R.                | 22    | 19 " "                 |
| Morrison Charles I.                    | 23    | 4 East street place.   |
| McCole John,                           | 23    | 4 Oliver street.       |
| Perry Nathan,                          | 24    | 8 Hartford place.      |
| Penney Augustus,                       | 28    | 19 Gridley street.     |
| Prouty George,                         | 26    | 77 Purchase street.    |
| Packard Benjamin F.                    | 23    | 19 Gridley "           |
| Shelton William                        | 46    | 70 High "              |
| Symes Horace K.                        | 24    | 15 Morton place.       |
| Symes James R.                         | 22    | 77 Purchase street.    |
| Symes Jacob P.                         | 22    | 7 Purchase place.      |
| Thurston John,                         | 23    | 19 Gridley street.     |
| Thurston Thaddeus,                     | 23    | 5 Hartford place.      |
| Thurston Joseph,                       | 23    | 19 Gridley street.     |
| Wilson Oliver,                         | 23    | High "                 |
| Welch Benjamin F.                      | 22    | 4 Oliver "             |

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1836, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinders,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 15 inches; 26 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 950 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 10 Buckets, and 3 Axes. A new house is now erecting for the Company.

## BOSTON ENGINE COMPANY, No. 8.

## HOUSE IN COMMERCIAL STREET.

| Members.                                | Ages. | Residence.                      |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Green William A., <i>Foreman</i> ,      | 31    | 4 Hanover avenue.               |
| Shattuck Charles P., <i>Ass't Fore.</i> | 38    | 10 Margaret street.             |
| Tarbox Benjamin, <i>Clerk</i> ,         | 33    | 6 Lathrop place.                |
| Smith Archibald, <i>Steward</i> ,       | 52    | $4\frac{1}{2}$ Bartlett street. |
| Ainsworth Andrew,                       | 25    | 462 Commercial street.          |
| Akerman Joseph,                         | 24    | 15 Salutation "                 |
| Blake Charles H.                        | 28    | 4 Tileston place.               |
| Bickford Moses P.                       | 24    | 6 Lathrop "                     |
| Barnard Isaac E.                        | 24    | 19 Thacher street.              |
| Brown Nathaniel,                        | 34    | 4 Webster place.                |
| Clough Joseph H.                        | 25    | Tileston street.                |
| Fisher Elbridge,                        | 23    | 14 Howard "                     |
| Gordon George,                          | 31    | 440 Commercial street.          |
| Gillings George E.                      | 24    | Hull street.                    |
| Hovey Robert H.                         | 42    | 380 Hanover street.             |
| Hunnewell Richard,                      | 29    | 250 " "                         |
| Huston William M.                       | 27    | 4 Hanover avenue.               |
| Jenness Chesley,                        | 29    | 20 Thacher street.              |
| Jacobs John S.                          | 29    | Portland "                      |
| Jones Edward,                           | 23    | 21 Richmond street.             |
| Moses Joseph T.                         | 36    | Margaret "                      |
| Metcalf George,                         | 29    | 14 Hinchman "                   |
| Parkhurst Julius T.                     | 36    | 7 Lathrop place.                |
| Parks Joseph H.                         | 31    | 1 Salutation street.            |
| Pearson Albert L.                       | 25    | 19 Thacher "                    |
| Pratt George T.                         | 27    | 77 Charter "                    |
| Pratt Charles H.                        | 23    | 70 " "                          |

| Members.           | Ages. | Residences.                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Ripley Joseph,     | 51    | 475 Commercial street.     |
| Ripley Robert,     | 24    | 475 " "                    |
| Rymill William H.  | 33    | 28 Prince street.          |
| Rand Daniel,       | 23    | 2 Clark "                  |
| Smart George H.    | 28    | 19 Thacher street.         |
| Smith William H.   | 23    | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bartlett " |
| Sargent Russell B. | 23    | 19 Thacher "               |
| Williams Gilman F. | 25    | 5 Bennett avenue.          |
| Wedger Charles W.  | 31    | Hanover street.            |
| Wharff Samuel W.   | 29    | 1 Tileston "               |
| Young Joseph,      | 44    | Salutation street.         |

38 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1845, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinders, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 16 inches; 26 feet of Suction Hose, in good order. There are 1250 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 8 Buckets, and 2 Axes. The condition of the House is good.

MAVERICK ENGINE COMPANY, No. 9.

HOUSE IN PARIS STREET, EAST BOSTON.

| Members.                               | Ages. | Residence.      |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Somerby John P., <i>Foreman</i> ,      | 37    | Webster street. |
| Brown Benjamin, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 36    | Havre "         |
| Varney Benjamin, <i>Clerk</i> ,        | 27    | Meridian "      |
| Dow David M. R., <i>Steward</i> ,      | 33    | Havre "         |
| Bragdon John W. jr.                    | 23    | Sumner "        |
| Curtis Benjamin, jr.                   | 37    | Webster "       |
| Currant Anthony,                       | 39    | Havre "         |
| Cotton Lewis,                          | 30    | Princeton "     |
| Cooper William,                        | 27    | Maverick "      |
| Durgin Asahel,                         | 43    | Cottage "       |



| Members.             | Ages. | Residence.        |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Emery George T.      | 32    | Murray court.     |
| Fuller George W.     | 21    | Maverick street.  |
| Girard James S.      | 34    | Lamson place.     |
| Gunnison Elisha W.   | 38    | New street.       |
| Hamilton Lyman,      | 25    | Marion street.    |
| Hamilton Alvan,      | 44    | Everett “         |
| Hall William F.      | 33    | Princeton street. |
| Harmon William,      | 29    | Webster “         |
| Higgins James,       | 45    | London “          |
| Holmes Francis,      | 43    | Princeton “       |
| Hanson Jacob,        | 34    | Webster “         |
| Hinckley James N.    | 23    | “ “               |
| Hamblin Eli,         | 27    | Bremen “          |
| Jones Franklin,      | 30    | Chelsea “         |
| Lane James M.        | 33    | Lexington “       |
| Morse William P.     | 31    | Wesley “          |
| Perkins Job H.       | 32    | Webster “         |
| Purcell Charles,     | 32    | Murray court.     |
| Preble Francis,      | 26    | White street.     |
| Parker Asa,          | 33    | Model place.      |
| Ramsell Samuel T.    | 26    | Sumner street.    |
| Smith James,         | 39    | Webster “         |
| Sawyer Lemuel B.     | 30    | “ “               |
| Swett Levi J.        | 22    | Bremen “          |
| Thomas Melzar,       | 27    | Meridian street.  |
| Wentworth William,   | 31    | Bremen “          |
| Weston Simeon,       | 28    | Saratoga “        |
| Whitten Matthew,     | 34    | Bremen “          |
| Whitehouse Sydney F. | 30    | Chelsea “         |

39 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

Engine built in 1824, by W. C. Hunneman, of Roxbury; its condition is good; Diameter of Cylinders,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 15 inches; 25 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 1300 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 2 Axes, and 8 Buckets. The condition of the House is good.

# OLD NORTH ENGINE COMPANY, No. 10.

HOUSE IN MERIDIAN STREET, EAST BOSTON.

| Members.                             | Ages. | Residence.        |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Burrill Ebenezer, <i>Foreman</i> ,   | 33    | Lexington street. |
| Baker Joseph, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 28    | Sumner "          |
| Damon Davis, <i>Clerk</i> ,          | 42    | Trenton "         |
| Burrill Charles, <i>Steward</i> ,    | 29    | " "               |
| Brown Horace M.                      | 33    | " "               |
| Butland Jeremiah,                    | 40    | Sumner "          |
| Bartlett Ambrose,                    | 24    | Eutaw "           |
| Cook Coleman,                        | 31    | Monmouth "        |
| Cross Martin H.                      | 30    | Lexington "       |
| Clark Henry,                         | 42    | Chelsea "         |
| Chandler Edwin,                      | 35    | Lexington "       |
| Carson Almon,                        | 31    | Eutaw "           |
| Crandall George W.                   | 25    | Maverick "        |
| Carson Samuel G.                     | 33    | Lexington "       |
| Evans Stokes,                        | 38    | Meridian "        |
| Ford William C.                      | 37    | Saratoga "        |
| Ford Michael, jr.                    | 39    | " "               |
| Gray John,                           | 28    | Trenton "         |
| Gove Austin,                         | 42    | Lexington "       |
| Gray Weston,                         | 30    | Decatur "         |
| Griffin George E.                    | 39    | Paris "           |
| Hastings Joseph,                     | 39    | Saratoga "        |
| Hall William, jr.                    | 23    | " "               |
| Inman Alfred P.                      | 27    | Princeton "       |
| Lawrence Lyman P.                    | 46    | Border "          |
| Lines Alpheus D.                     | 21    | Lexington "       |
| Manson George H.                     | 22    | Saratoga "        |
| Oliver Zina H.                       | 37    | Eutaw "           |
| Peterson Seth C.                     | 34    | Princeton "       |
| Penley James A.                      | 24    | Saratoga "        |
| Shackley Phineas C.                  | 25    | " "               |
| Smith Martin,                        | 37    | Lexington "       |
| Sturtevant Walter,                   | 23    | Eutaw "           |
| Snow Solon L.                        | 32    | Saratoga "        |
| Taylor Ebenezer,                     | 49    | Border "          |
| Tucker George A.                     | 26    | Princeton "       |
| Tucker Jonathan M.                   | 33    | Meridian "        |
| Wentworth Moses R.                   | 28    | Eutaw "           |
| Weston Hiram,                        | 25    | Saratoga "        |
| Weston Washburn,                     | 30    | " "               |

40 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The Engine was built in 1794, by Stephen Thayer, of Boston; its condition is poor; Diameter of Cylinders,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 12 inches; 25 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 850 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 4 Buckets, and 2 Axes. Condition of House, good.

## BARNICOAT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 11.

## HOUSE IN COURT SQUARE.

| Members.                               | Ages. | Residence.             |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Colter John, <i>Foreman</i> ,          | 32    | 139 Court street.      |
| Grant Hiram P., <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 26    | 6 Federal court.       |
| Spear Henry G., <i>Clerk</i> ,         | 25    | 16 Billerica street.   |
| Hunting Henry A., <i>Steward</i> ,     | 24    | 2 Portland "           |
| Blodgett Cyrus,                        | 31    | 233 Washington street. |
| Bricher George S.                      | 28    | 10 Morton place.       |
| Barker Jesse,                          | 24    | 54 Portland street.    |
| Colter Joseph,                         | 24    | 139 Court "            |
| Chadbourn Joseph E.                    | 23    | 5 Province "           |
| Carpenter Horace,                      | 23    | 1 Morton place.        |
| Davis Lafayette,                       | 25    | 2 East street place.   |
| Dinsmore James,                        | 27    | 6 Morton "             |
| Dwyer Edward H.                        | 24    | 10 Sudbury street.     |
| Dinsmore Ira A.                        | 22    | 6 Morton place.        |
| Green Orion,                           | 45    | 8 Howard street.       |
| Garrett William,                       | 24    | 31 Elm "               |
| Grant William W.                       | 22    | 6 Federal court.       |
| Granger Reuben,                        | 23    | 10 Morton place.       |
| Kendall Stephen B.                     | 46    | 10 " "                 |
| Kinsley Rufus,                         | 23    | 10 " "                 |
| Linscott Benjamin H.                   | 23    | 4 Norfolk Avenue.      |
| Mooney John J.                         | 28    | 8 Purchase place.      |
| Newell Daniel S.                       | 25    | 8 Hartford "           |
| Orne Ebenezer T.                       | 23    | 54 Portland street.    |
| Regan John W.                          | 23    | 13 Sullivan place.     |
| Stearns Abraham C.                     | 26    | 54 Portland street.    |
| Smith Frederick W.                     | 23    | 18 North "             |

| Members.             | Ages. | Residence.                  |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Sproul Arthur G.     | 22    | 139 Court street.           |
| Shattuck Timothy F.  | 23    | 5 Morton place.             |
| Trainer William, jr. | 33    | 21 London street.           |
| Tewksbury Francis W. | 22    | 1 Hancock "                 |
| Tobias John,         | 23    | 2 Portland street.          |
| Whiting L. Henry,    | 32    | 4 Morton court.             |
| Whiting Jonas M.     | 24    | 4 " "                       |
| Wilson Alexander,    | 39    | Beach, corner Utica street. |
| Wiley Jonas M., jr.  | 23    | 136 Court street            |

36 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The Engine was built in 1854, by Hunneman & Co., of Roxbury ; its condition is good ; Diameter of Cylinders,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches ; Stroke of Piston, 16 inches ; 26 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 1000 feet of Leading Hose, in good order. Two Hose Carriages, 4 Buckets, and 3 Axes. Condition of House, good.

TREMONT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 12.

HOUSE IN WARREN STREET.

| Members.                                | Ages. | Residence.             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Mills Bailey T., <i>Foreman</i> ,       | 33    | 51 Pleasant street.    |
| Connery David, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> ,   | 29    | 69 Fayette "           |
| Leatherbee James W. jr., <i>Clerk</i> , | 32    | 6 " "                  |
| Griggs Robert D., <i>Steward</i> ,      | 30    | 117 Pleasant "         |
| Allen John A.                           | 23    | 46 Elliot "            |
| Bullock Alfred W.                       | 34    | 70 Pleasant "          |
| Carver Charles,                         | 45    | 20 Shawmut "           |
| Carver John,                            | 40    | 29 Pleasant "          |
| Carver William J.                       | 36    | 6 Church "             |
| Chater James,                           | 27    | 215 Tremont "          |
| Clark George F.                         | 23    | 55 Marion "            |
| Elwell Simeon,                          | 37    | 6 South Bennet street. |

| Members.           | Ages. | Residence.                  |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Eaton Hiram W.     | 29    | 50 Tyler street.            |
| Edwards James,     | 35    | Avery “                     |
| Evans Calvin W.    | 27    | 16 South Cedar street.      |
| Emery Job,         | 34    | rear 27 East Orange street. |
| Farrar Ezra R.     | 23    | 29 Pleasant street.         |
| Gibson Charles,    | 25    | 9 Osborn place.             |
| Hanson David,      | 38    | 65 Fayette street.          |
| Hussey Hobart S.   | 24    | 50 East Orange street.      |
| Horn John H.       | 23    | 9 Shawmut “                 |
| Hayden William,    | 30    | 9 Wheeler's court.          |
| Hines Frederick M. | 28    | 15 Pleasant street.         |
| Hawkins John,      | 28    | 4 Curve “                   |
| Hall William,      | 36    | 3 Ohio place.               |
| Lowger Robert,     | 31    | 92 Warren street.           |
| Miner John H.      | 29    | 1 Townsend place.           |
| Morton Thomas,     | 44    | 43 Porter street.           |
| Morrison George W. | 22    | 3 Fuller “                  |
| Morrison John,     | 21    | 3 “                         |
| Nowell Moses,      | 24    | 44 Piedmont street.         |
| Nowell Francis S.  | 27    | 5 Bay “                     |
| Nowell Timothy,    | 22    | 44 Piedmont “               |
| Robbins Oliver R.  | 26    | 40 Pleasant “               |
| Rice Nelson,       | 48    | 29 “ “                      |
| Rice Francis H.    | 22    | 29 “ “                      |
| Stubbs Samuel,     | 29    | 23 London “                 |
| Shaw Edwin H.      | 23    | 3 Fuller “                  |
| Sprague George W.  | 22    | 18 Ash “                    |
| Wood William,      | 21    | 16 South Cedar street.      |

40 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The Engine was built in 1854, by Hunneman & Co., of Roxbury; its condition good; Diameter of Cylinders,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches; Stroke of Piston, 16 inches; 26 feet of good Suction Hose. There are 1300 feet of Leading Hose, in good order; Two Hose Carriages, 2 Axes, and 12 Buckets. The condition of the House is good.

An Engine to be located at East Boston, called the Webster, No. 13, has been built, but the Company is not yet organized.

## WARREN HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No 1.

## HOUSE IN FRIEND STREET.

| Members.                                | Ages. | Residence.             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Pratt Nathaniel W., <i>Foreman</i> ,    | 32    | 12 Cotting street.     |
| Stevens Jeremiah S., <i>Ass't Fore.</i> | 32    | 30 Chardon "           |
| Merritt Charles H., <i>Clerk</i> ,      | 35    | 2 Kennard avenue.      |
| Stevens John S., <i>Steward</i> ,       | 34    | 14 Cotting street.     |
| Brown William H.                        | 36    | 6 Noyes place.         |
| Briggs Thomas H.                        | 31    | 14 Cotting street.     |
| Beard French,                           | 29    | 6 North Margin street. |
| Baker Benjamin N.                       | 28    | 8 Foster street.       |
| Collier Phineas,                        | 26    | 2 Belmont street.      |
| Clayton Charles,                        | 23    | 17 Friend "            |
| Edwards James,                          | 29    | 17 " "                 |
| Gage Udolph,                            | 24    | 113 Leverett "         |
| Hine Elijah B.                          | 34    | 30 South Grove street. |
| Haven Norman C.                         | 26    | 1 Garden "             |
| Hannaford Josiah,                       | 35    | 23 Salem "             |
| Keith James R.                          | 37    | 39 Lowell "            |
| Nye Hiram E.                            | 26    | 24 Garden "            |
| Perry Charles A.                        | 30    | 67 Southac "           |
| Place Moses,                            | 29    | 26 Billerica "         |
| Summers John E.                         | 30    | 33 Nashua "            |
| Stover Barron,                          | 22    | 56 Myrtle "            |
| Wilson David V.                         | 30    | 10 Cotting "           |
| Ware Isaiah H.                          | 21    | 56 Myrtle "            |

23 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the Carriage is good; carrying 18 Ladders of various lengths; 3 Hooks, 5 Crotch Poles, 4 Axes, 4 Rakes, 4 Guy Ropes, and 2 Buckets. The condition of the House is good. Not in use, but in good order; 8 Ladders of various lengths; 1 Crotch Pole; 2 Axes.



## TIGER HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 2

HOUSE IN PARIS STREET, EAST BOSTON.

| Members.                            | Ages. | Residence.        |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Foster Warren, <i>Foreman</i> ,     | 50    | New street.       |
| Seavey James W., <i>Ass't Fore.</i> | 26    | Highland place.   |
| Goodwin Silvester, <i>Clerk</i> ,   | 28    | New street.       |
| Simmons Charles, <i>Steward</i> ,   | 29    | Sumner street.    |
| Ames Jacob,                         | 33    | Liverpool street. |
| Dunbar Frederick W.                 | 26    | Cottage “         |
| Hayes William F.                    | 23    | Marion “          |
| Holmes Thaddeus,                    | 32    | Liverpool “       |
| Harding Austin,                     | 29    | “ “               |
| Louder John,                        | 41    | New “             |
| Swett Samuel,                       | 28    | Sumner “          |
| Young Silas,                        | 40    | New “             |

12 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is good. The condition of the Carriage is good; carrying 17 Ladders of various lengths; 2 Hooks, 3 Crotch Poles, 4 Axes, 2 Guy Ropes, 2 Rakes, and 2 Buckets.

## FRANKLIN HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 3.

HOUSE ON HARRISON AVENUE, NEAR CITY STABLES.

| Members.                                | Ages. | Residence.             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Mugford Richard, <i>Foreman</i> ,       | 27    | 136 Albany street.     |
| Marshall Orlando F., <i>Ass't Fore.</i> | 26    | 24 Rochester street.   |
| Barton James H., <i>Clerk</i> ,         | 34    | 50 West Canton street. |
| Mugford John, <i>Steward</i> ,          | 48    | 151 Tyler “            |
| Cogley Nicholas C.                      | 24    | 34 East Dedham “       |
| Farrar Ezra O. F.                       | 29    | 1 Hamburg “            |
| Lakin Loammi B.                         | 38    | 22 East Canton “       |
| Marston James F.                        | 23    | 1 Malden place.        |
| McKeever Samuel,                        | 23    | 96 West Dedham “       |
| Mugford John E.                         | 22    | 151 Tyler “            |
| McCrillis James,                        | 29    | 3 Malden “             |
| Nichols Demas S.                        | 25    | 11 Dover place.        |
| Spear Robert,                           | 33    | 18 Rochester street.   |
| Shean William,                          | 25    | 36 West Dedham street. |
| Skillings Charles H.                    | 31    | 216 Harrison avenue.   |
| Warren George W.                        | 23    | 3 Rochester street.    |
| Warren Charles T.                       | 28    | 216 Harrison avenue.   |

17 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is poor. The condition of the Carriage is good; carrying 15 Ladders of various lengths; 3 Hooks, 5 Crotch Poles, 4 Axes, 2 Guy Ropes, 2 Rakes, and 4 Buckets. Not in use, 3 Ladders.

## WASHINGTON HYDRANT COMPANY, No. 1.

## HOUSE IN SALEM STREET.

| Members.                              | Ages. | Residences.             |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Dunton Charles E., <i>Foreman</i> ,   | 30    | 24 Cooper street.       |
| Shattuck James B., <i>Ass't Fore.</i> | 35    | 2 Carroll place.        |
| Williams Alfred, <i>Clerk</i> ,       | 32    | 5 " "                   |
| Delano George H., <i>Steward</i> ,    | 30    | 3 Margaret street.      |
| Allen Hosea,                          | 31    | 7 Beverly "             |
| Amsden Daniel,                        | 25    | 74 North Margin street. |
| Britton Thomas S. R.                  | 27    | 23 Cooper "             |
| Brownell Benjamin C.                  | 29    | 1 Margaret "            |
| Crosby Charles G.                     | 23    | 47 Endicott "           |
| Dutton George W.                      | 25    | 48 Tileston "           |
| Gross Edward,                         | 28    | 54 Cross "              |
| Hammond John S.                       | 22    | 41 North Margin "       |
| Hook Jacob E.                         | 22    | 3 Snowhill place.       |
| Kaulback Hugh W.                      | 33    | 2 Salter "              |
| Stevens Alfred,                       | 30    | 29 Thacher street.      |
| Woodman Thomas,                       | 29    | 1 Salter place.         |

16 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is good. There are attached to this Company, Two Hose Carriages; Eight Buckets; Two Axes; 1850 feet of Leading Hose, in good order.

## UNION HYDRANT COMPANY, No. 2.

## HOUSE IN HUDSON STREET.

| Members.                              | Ages. | Residence.              |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Stone Sylvester, <i>Foreman</i> ,     | 36    | 31 Tyler street.        |
| Bass William W., <i>Assis't Fore.</i> | 29    | 38 Oak "                |
| Smith Jacob, <i>Clerk</i> ,           | 55    | rear 20 Carver street.  |
| Young Edward H., <i>Steward</i> ,     | 25    | rear 546 Washington st. |
| Bell Henry C.                         | 25    | 143 Tyler street.       |
| Chisholm Alexander,                   | 31    | 38 Oak "                |
| Dearing Dexter R.                     | 21    | 3 Brimmer place.        |
| Holton James S.                       | 31    | 105 Hudson street.      |
| Mooney Obed D.                        | 22    | 45 " "                  |
| Newton George,                        | 34    | 31 Tyler "              |
| Thompson Moses C.                     | 25    | 31 " "                  |

11 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is good. There are attached to this Company, Two Hose Carriages; 4 Buckets; 2 Axes; 1600 feet of Leading Hose, in good order.

## FRANKLIN HYDRANT COMPANY, No. 3.

## HOUSE IN WALL STREET.

| Members.                              | Ages. | Residence.               |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Tonkin Andrew, <i>Foreman</i> ,       | 28    | 19 Prospect street.      |
| Nevins Jerome, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 25    | 3 Leverett lane.         |
| Sharon Charles A., <i>Clerk</i> ,     | 33    | 171 Cambridge street.    |
| Rice James T., <i>Steward</i> ,       | 33    | 8 Billerica "            |
| Falls Ebenezer,                       | 35    | Billerica "              |
| Harper Edmund,                        | 25    | 18 Cross "               |
| Moore Lewis,                          | 29    | 2 Billerica "            |
| Morse George B.                       | 23    | 55 Lowell "              |
| Orcutt Henry M.                       | 27    | Traverse "               |
| Palmer William H.                     | 34    | 18 South Russell street. |
| Perkins Elisha K.                     | 37    | 4 Chapman place.         |
| Ryan John S.                          | 36    | 70 High street.          |
| Simmonds David M.                     | 28    | 2 Lowell street.         |
| Young Joseph,                         | 30    | 2 Billerica street.      |

14 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is good. There are attached to this Company, 2 Hose Carriages; 2 Buckets; 2 Axes; 1300 feet of Leading Hose, in good order.

## SUFFOLK HYDRANT COMPANY, No. 5.

## HOUSE ON SHAWMUT AVENUE.

| Members.                              | Ages. | Residence.             |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Lovell William, <i>Foreman.</i>       | 33    | 80 West Dedham street. |
| Ford William H., <i>Assis't Fore.</i> | 29    | 11 Fabin “             |
| Ross Samuel E., <i>Clerk,</i>         | 41    | 31 West Canton “       |
| Lovell Silas, <i>Steward,</i>         | 28    | 80 West Dedham “       |
| Allison Henry,                        | 25    | 225 Harrison avenue.   |
| Clark William H.                      | 22    | 213 “ “                |
| Evans Henry L.                        | 35    | Albion street.         |
| Gilbert John L.                       | 24    | 831 Washington street. |
| Jones Charles G.                      | 22    | 12 Dover place.        |
| Lovering True W.                      | 22    | 12 “ “                 |
| Lincoln Amos,                         | 35    | 37 West Dedham street. |
| Manning Joseph S.                     | 30    | 223 Harrison avenue.   |
| Ricker Charles E.                     | 29    | 219 “ “                |
| Wheeler Josiah W.                     | 36    | rear Malden street.    |
| Woodman Crosby,                       | 22    | 51 West Dedham street. |

15 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is good. There are attached to this Company, 2 Hose Carriages; 4 Buckets; 2 Axes; 1550 feet of Leading Hose, in good order.



## PROTECTION HYDRANT COMPANY, No. 6.

HOUSE IN PARIS STREET, EAST BOSTON.

| Members.                                 | Ages. | Residence.         |
|------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Prescott Bradbury G., <i>Foreman</i> ,   | 42    | Lexington street.  |
| Crafts Israel F., <i>Ass't Foreman</i> , | 39    | Maverick "         |
| Barnes Joseph, <i>Clerk</i> ,            | 40    | Liverpool "        |
| Tilton Thomas B., <i>Steward</i> ,       | 27    | Hunnewell place.   |
| Battis William L.                        | 52    | Sumner street.     |
| Burrison Samuel K.                       | 34    | Trenton "          |
| Ely Horatio,                             | 38    | Hunnewell place.   |
| Gould Chandler,                          | 29    | Sumner street.     |
| Harlow Arad T.                           | 42    | Chelsea "          |
| Harlow Ivory,                            | 40    | " "                |
| Hathaway John,                           | 33    | Maverick street.   |
| Pollard Henry N.                         | 35    | Chelsea "          |
| Rand William B.                          | 22    | Meridian "         |
| Spencer Warren B.                        | 36    | Havre "            |
| Treadwell Samuel,                        | 37    | Centre "           |
| Underwood Jonas,                         | 30    | Bennington street. |

16 Members.

*Condition of House and Apparatus.*

The condition of the House is good. There are attached to this Company, 2 Hose Carriages; 4 Buckets; 2 Axes; 1600 feet of Leading Hose, in good order.

Besides the above, each Company is furnished with Caps, Badges, Belts, Spanners, Torches, Signal Lanterns, Life Lines, Hose Lines, Crowbars, Shovels, and all necessary apparatus for their respective duties.

## HOOKS AND LADDERS, AT VARIOUS PLACES.

| Where Deposited.                            | Ladders. | Hooks. | Condition. |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| Engine House No 1 South Boston,             | 4        | 2      | Good.      |
| Engine House No. 4,                         | 4        |        | Good.      |
| Franklin School House,                      | 3        |        | Good.      |
| Hydrant House No. 5, }<br>Shawmut avenue, } | 4        |        | Good.      |
|                                             | 15       | 2      |            |

## RELIEF ENGINES.

Three Engines, those formerly used by Engine Companies No. 11 and 12, and No. 20, are kept, in good order, under the Reservoir in Derne street. Relief Engine Company No. 6, has been sold the present season.

## PAY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

|                |                     |                |                    |  |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Engineers,     | \$250 each per ann. | EAST BOSTON.   |                    |  |
| Foremen,       | 150 " "             | Foremen,       | \$75 each per ann. |  |
| Ass't Foremen, | 125 " "             | Ass't Foremen, | 60 " "             |  |
| Clerks,        | 125 " "             | Clerks,        | 60 " "             |  |
| Stewards,      | 125 " "             | Stewards,      | 60 " "             |  |
| Members,       | 100 " "             | Members,       | 50 " "             |  |

## LOCATION OF RESERVOIRS,

*Where Water can be obtained in case of Fire within the City of Boston.*  
*September, 1854.*

- 1 Atkinson, near High street.
- 2 Auburn, corner of Livingston street.
- 3 Bowdoin square—Lid in the centre.
- 4 Bowdoin square, corner of Bulfinch street.
- 5 Beach, corner of Hudson street.
- 6 Beach, near United States Hotel.
- 7 Batterymarch, near Broad street.
- 8 Broad, near State street.
- 9 Blossom, corner of McLean street.
- 10 Brattle street, corner of Brattle square.
- 11 Clinton, opposite Fulton street.
- 12 Cambridge, corner of Butolph street.
- 13 Cambridge, corner of Hancock street.
- 14 Chambers, corner of Poplar street.
- 15 Chestnut, corner of Walnut street.
- 16 Chestnut, opposite West Cedar street.
- 17 Canton street, opposite J. M. Albert's Bake House.
- 18 Church street, in front of the Church.
- 19 Court square, opposite Williams' court.
- 20 Charlestown, corner of Medford street.
- 21 Charlestown, at the junction of Beverly street.
- 22 Causeway, opposite Merrimack street.
- 23 Concord street, opposite Dwight School House.
- 24 Chauncey place, near Church.
- 25 Derne, corner of Temple street.
- 26 Dedham street, opposite Fitzpatrick's store.
- 27 Dover, opposite Emerald street.
- 28 East street, opposite Engine House No. 5.
- 29 Edinboro', near Essex street.
- 30 Franklin place, in front of School House.
- 31 Franklin place, near Hawley street.

- 32 Federal, corner of Channing street.
- 33 Fayette street, opposite Lincoln court.
- 34 Friend, corner of Traverse street.
- 35 Green, opposite Leverett street.
- 36 Hanover, corner of Clark street ; in front of Church.
- 37 Hanover street, in front of Old Hancock School House.
- 38 Hanover, at the junction of Salem and Endicott streets.
- 39 Hanover, between Portland and Friend street.
- 40 Haymarket square—Lid near the centre.
- 41 Hudson, corner of Curve street.
- 42 Hawkins street, in front of the Mayhew School House.
- 43 Harrison avenue, opposite Kneeland street.
- 44 Harrison avenue, opposite Bennett street.
- 45 Harrison avenue, near Curve street.
- 46 Harrison avenue, corner of Asylum street.
- 47 Harrison avenue, near Gate to City Stable Yard.
- 48 Kneeland, corner of Hudson street.
- 49 Liberty square, near the corner of Kilby street.
- 50 Leverett, opposite Spring street.
- 51 Lancaster, corner of Merrimack street.
- 52 Mount Vernon street, opposite the State House.
- 53 Mount Vernon street, near Louisburg square.
- 54 Myrtle, corner of Butolph street.
- 55 North square—Lid in the centre.
- 56 Pearl street, opposite Sturgis place.
- 57 Pleasant, corner of Carver street.
- 58 Pleasant, opposite Eliot street.
- 59 Porter street, at the foot of the street.
- 60 Salem street, in front of Christ Church.
- 61 Salem street, corner of Cooper street.
- 62 Shawmut avenue, corner of Canton street.
- 63 Shawmut avenue, near Groton street.
- 64 Suffolk street, opposite Cherry street.
- 65 Suffolk street, near Castle street.
- 66 South Market street—Lid in the centre.
- 67 Sudbury square—Lid in the centre.
- 68 State street, in front of Old State House.
- 69 State street, corner of Kilby street.
- 70 Southac, corner of West Cedar street.
- 71 Summer street, opposite the Church.
- 72 Sea street, opposite Piper's wharf.
- 73 Somerset street, corner of Somerset place.

- 74 Tremont street, opposite Pemberton square.
- 75 Tremont street, corner of Park street.
- 76 Tremont street, corner of School street.
- 77 Tremont street, corner of Passageway to Mason street.
- 78 Tremont street, corner of Boylston street.
- 79 Tremont street, corner of Hollis street.
- 80 Tremont street, in front of the Johnson School House.
- 81 Thacher street—Lid in the square
- 82 Tyler, corner of Oak street.
- 83 Union, opposite North street.
- 84 West Centre street, opposite the Phillips School House.
- 85 Washington place, Fort hill, near Belmont street.
- 86 Warren, corner of Eliot street.
- 87 Washington street, corner of Milk street.
- 88 Washington street, corner of Franklin street.
- 89 Washington street, corner of Avon place.
- 90 Washington street, between Norfolk and Suffolk place.
- 91 Washington street, corner of Essex street—Lid in the street.
- 92 Washington street, opposite Common street.
- 93 Washington street, opposite Pleasant street.
- 94 Washington street, corner of Kneeland street.
- 95 Washington street, corner of Castle street.
- 96 Washington street, corner of Florence street.
- 97 Washington street, opposite Franklin School House.
- 98 Washington street, opposite the Gas House.
- 99 Washington street, near Malden street.
- 100 Washington street, corner of Brookline street.
- 101 Washington street, corner of Northampton street.
- 102 Washington street, near Arnold street.

## SOUTH BOSTON.

- 103 Broadway, near Turnpike street.
- 104 Broadway, corner of A street—Lid opposite the Church.
- 105 Broadway, near B street.
- 106 Broadway, opposite the Baptist Church.
- 107 Broadway, opposite the Hawes School House.
- 108 Broadway, opposite the Stables at Mount Washington House.
- 109 B street, corner of Fourth street.
- 110 C street, opposite Bolton street.
- 111 D street, near Broadway.
- 112 Dorchester street, opposite Broadway.
- 113 E street, Northeast corner of Lyceum Hall.

- 114 E street, corner of Seventh street.
- 115 Fourth street, opposite Unitarian Church.
- 116 Fourth street, corner of Turnpike street.
- 117 Fourth street, corner of E street.
- 118 Fourth street, corner of Dorchester street.
- 119 Fifth street, corner of Turnpike street.
- 120 Second street, corner of Dorchester street.

## EAST BOSTON.

- 121 Maverick square, Southeast from Maverick House.
- 122 Cottage, near Sumner street.
- 123 Liverpool, corner of Maverick street.
- 124 Lexington street, opposite Lexington place.
- 125 Webster street, nearly opposite B. Lamson's House.
- 126 Meridian street, opposite Lyman School House.
- 127 Central square, corner of Liverpool and Porter streets.
- 128 Saratoga street.
- 129 Chelsea street, nearly opposite Decatur street.
- 130 Sumner street, opposite School House.
- 131 Monmouth street, near corner of Marion street.
- 132 Trenton, between Marion and Brooks streets.
- 133 Meridian street, in front of Engine House No. 10.

Besides the above, there are 824 Hydrants, which are located in various parts of the City proper—192 at South Boston, and 146 at East Boston, for the use of the Department, making a total of 1162.



## FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

## LIST OF SIGNAL STATIONS.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

*East and North of Leverett, Green, Court and State Streets.*

Station No. 1.—Faneuil Hall.

- " " 2.—Marshall, near Hanover Street.
- " " 3.—Richmond Street, east of Hanover Street.
- " " 4.—Eastern Railroad Wharf.
- " " 5.—Constitution Wharf.
- " " 6.—Corner of Charter Street and Phipps Place.
- " " 7.—Cooper Street Church.
- " " 8.—Boston and Maine Freight Depot.
- " " 9.—Corner of Lowell and Causeway Streets.
- " " 10.—Corner of Leverett and Vernon Streets.
- " " 11.—Corner of Sudbury and Hawkins Streets.
- " " 12.—Corner of Hull and Snowhill Streets.
- " " 13.—Engine House No. 6 Wall Street.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

*West of Leverett, Green, Court, Tremont and Boylston Streets.*

Station No. 1.—Church in North Russell Street.

- " " 2.—Corner of West Cedar and Cambridge Streets.
- " " 3.—Charles Street Church.
- " " 4.—Corner of West Centre and Pinckney Streets.
- " " 5.—Reservoir, Hancock Street.
- " " 6.—Corner of Bowdoin and Cambridge Streets.
- " " 7.—On Albion Hotel, Phillips Place.
- " " 8.—Poplar, corner of Spring Street.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*Between THE WATER, Beach, Washington, Boylston, Tremont, Court, and State Streets.*

Station No. 1.—Old South Church.

- " " 2.—Corner of Broad and Central Streets.
- " " 3.—Corner of High and Belmont Streets.
- " " 4.—No. 21 Purchase Street.
- " " 5.—Corner of Lincoln and Summer Streets.
- " " 6.—Dr. Cabot's, Winter Street.
- " " 7.—Central Office, City Building.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

*Between Dover, THE WATER, Beach, Washington and Boylston Streets.*

Station No. 1.—Old Colony Depot.

“ “ 2.—Hydrant House No. 2, Hudson Street.

“ “ 3.—Corner of Seneca Street and Harrison Avenue.

“ “ 4.—Indiana Place Church.

“ “ 5.—Engine House No. 12, Warren Street.

“ “ 6.—Providence Depot.

“ “ 7.—Boylston Market.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

*South of Dover Street.*

Station No. 1.—Engine House No. 3, Washington Street.

“ “ 2.—Corner of Shawmut Avenue and Waltham Street.

“ “ 3.—Hydrant House No. 5, Shawmut Avenue.

“ “ 4.—Corner of Shawmut Avenue and Northampton St.

“ “ 5.—Corner of Harrison Avenue and Brookline Street.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

*South Boston.*

Station No. 1.—Corner of Broadway and Turnpike Street.

“ “ 2.—No. 2 Engine House, Broadway.

“ “ 3.—Lyceum Hall, “

“ “ 4.—Near corner of Broadway and Dorchester Street.

“ “ 5.—House of Industry.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

*East Boston. E. B. Ferry.*



# FIRES, ALARMS, ETC. FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1853, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1854.

| Date.            | Owner or Occupant.    | Situation.                | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                                                                |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1853.<br>Sept. 2 | Jacob S. Savage,      | 11 Haverhill street,      |       |            | From furnace; slight damage.                                                               |
| 7                | Nathan Hersey,        | rear 17 N. Russell st.,   |       |            | From defect in chimney.                                                                    |
|                  | Mrs. N. W. Hersey,    | " " "                     |       |            |                                                                                            |
|                  | Andrew P. Clark,      | " " "                     |       |            |                                                                                            |
|                  | Mrs. E. V. Glover,    | " " "                     | 1,300 | 925        | Supposed incendiary.                                                                       |
| 8                | Daniel Bowker,        | 140 Endicott street,      |       |            |                                                                                            |
|                  | David Moulton,        | " "                       | 160   | 70         |                                                                                            |
| 9                | Owners of Schr. Ring- | East Boston,              |       |            | Tar boiling over in galley.                                                                |
|                  | gold,                 | Liverpool st., E. Boston, |       |            | Burning of a bed. Ezra J. Wiley, a                                                         |
| 17               | Mrs. Nason,           |                           | 50    |            | member of Engine Company No. 11,<br>was run over by the Engine, and in-<br>stantly killed. |
| 18               |                       | Cambridge,                |       |            | Burning of several buildings.                                                              |
| 19               | King, Dexter & Co.,   | Fifth street, S. Boston,  |       |            | Boiling over of varnish.                                                                   |
| 23               | J. E. Simpson & Co.,  | Marginal st., E. Boston,  |       |            | Kettle of tar boiling over.                                                                |
| 24               | Robert G. Shaw,       | 232 Commercial street,    | 100   |            | From cause unknown.                                                                        |

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| 27 | James Bailey,<br>McIntire & Kimball,<br>A. Lawrence,<br>Bennington Enamelled<br>Ware Co.,<br>Timothy Eaton,<br>J. M. Salmon,<br>A. Chapouil,<br>Geo. W. Chipman & Co.,<br>Boyd & Fuller,<br>James E. Lockwood,<br>James C. Chesley, | 232 Commercial street,<br>234 " "<br>43 Tremont street,<br>" "<br>28 Hawley street,<br>" "<br>152 Hanover street<br>" "<br>150 " "<br>146 " "<br>345 Broad street, | 5,515<br>6,500<br>320<br>5,521 | 5,315<br>6,500<br>120<br>5,491 | From register of furnace.<br>Oil boiling over.<br>Spontaneous combustion of cotton batting.<br>Incendiary; slight damage. |
| 30 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                    | \$19,466                       | \$18,421                       |                                                                                                                           |

Department called out this month— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Fires,} \\ \text{Alarm out of City,} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} 12 \\ 1 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Fires,} \\ \text{Alarm out of City,} \end{array} \right\}}$  Total, 13 times,

|        |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Oct. 1 | Smith & Beals,<br>Dura Warren,<br>Enoch Snelling,<br>Charles B. Morton,<br>Irish families,<br>Sylvester & Cram,<br>Joshua Bennett,<br>Franklin Bascom,<br>Joseph Harris, | Friend street,<br>“ “<br>Meridian st., E. Boston,<br>“ “<br>rear North street,<br>Kneeland street,<br>537 Washington street,<br>“ “<br>Lenox street,<br>“ “ | 1,800<br>1,519<br>1,075<br>50 | Supposed incendiary.<br>Clothing taking fire from lamp.<br>Bed set on fire.<br>From forge; slight damage.<br>Origin unknown.<br>Defect in chimney.<br>From the same. |
| 1      |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Date.           | Owner or Occupant.                                                                                              | Situation.                                                                      | Loss.  | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1853.<br>Oct. 7 | Enos Morgan,                                                                                                    | Chelsea st., East Boston,                                                       | 150    | 150        | Shed set on fire by children playing with matches. |
| 8               | City of Boston,                                                                                                 | Silver street, S. Boston,                                                       | 300    |            | Primary School House set on fire.                  |
| 10              | John W. Trull,<br>John T. Heard                                                                                 | Holden court,<br>Ivers street,<br>" "                                           | 16,500 | 12,500     | Burning chimney,<br>Explosion of still.            |
| 11<br>12        | J. Weatherbee & Co.<br>Boston Hemp Manufac-<br>turing Co.,                                                      | Causeway street,                                                                |        |            | Incendiary; trifling damage.                       |
| 22              | Isaiah B. Norris,                                                                                               | Roxbury,                                                                        |        |            | Explosion of steam boiler.                         |
| 25              | Edgerly & Lovejoy,<br>Maurice Riley,                                                                            | Traverse street, [sts.<br>cor. Canal & Traverse<br>" " "                        | 800    |            | Supposed incendiary.<br>Incendiary.                |
| 26              | George A. Otis,<br>Brown & Lawrence,                                                                            | 11 State street<br>9 " "                                                        | 224    | 124        | Building broken open, and set on fire.             |
| 26              | Judd & Place,<br>C. T. Seavey,<br>Edwin P. Smith,                                                               | 24 Merrimack street,<br>" "<br>" "                                              | 500    |            | Supposed incendiary.                               |
| 26<br>29        | John McKay,<br>William Howe,<br>John Pierce,<br>Silloway & Annable,<br>Andrew J. Roberts,<br>Blake & Darracott, | 122 Charlestown street,<br>257 Causeway street,<br>" "<br>259 " "<br>" "<br>" " |        | 500        | Shavings in cellar taking fire.<br>Incendiary.     |



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| Samuel B. Locke, | 263 Causeway street, |  |
| John Starrett,   | 259 " "              |  |
| Amos Sellew,     | " "                  |  |
| G. W. Starbird,  | " "                  |  |

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|-------|-----|
| 1,113 | 933 |
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| \$22,512 | \$16,801 |
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Department called out this month—

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| Fires,<br>Repeating alarm,<br>Burning chimney,<br>Alarm out of City, | 16 | Total, 19 times. |
|                                                                      | 1  |                  |
|                                                                      | 1  |                  |
|                                                                      | 1  |                  |

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| Nov. 1 | Earl W. Johnson,<br>Merriam & Parsons,<br>William R. Carnes,<br>Elbridge G. Libby,<br>Byam & Pearson, | 568 Commercial street,<br>" "<br>" "<br>" "<br>" "<br>" "  |       |       | Supposed from furnace under boiler. John Little was run over by Engine No. 11, and died from injuries received. |
| 1      | William Minot,<br>White & Potter,                                                                     | 580 " "                                                    | 9,281 | 7,181 | Repeating the above alarm.<br>False alarm.<br>Set on fire under the stairs.                                     |
| 5      | J. K. Rogers & Co.<br>Luther Crane,<br>Boston T. & S. Foundry Co.,                                    | Northampton street,<br>4 Spring lane,<br>" "<br>" "<br>" " |       |       |                                                                                                                 |
| 7      | J. T. Dingley, Agent,<br>James Flevin,<br>John Regan,                                                 | 167 South street,<br>" "<br>" "                            | 5,676 | 3,676 | Supposed from stove pipe.                                                                                       |
| 11     |                                                                                                       |                                                            | 1,025 |       |                                                                                                                 |

| Date.                      | Owner or Occupant.                                                         | Situation.                                                                            | Loss.    | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 1853.<br>Nov. 17           | Jonas H. French,<br>Heirs of E. T. Tucker-<br>man,                         | South street court,<br>19 Cornhill,                                                   |          |            | Incendiary.                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                            | Benj. F. Roberts,<br>John H. Abbott,<br>Smith & Tarbell,<br>Charles Minot, |                                                                                       | 450      | 450        | Probably set on fire.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 18<br>19<br>19<br>24<br>25 | L. P. Bartlett,<br>Robert Fitman,                                          | Sudbury street,<br>West Cedar street,<br>rear 33 Pleasant street,<br>6 Sturgis place, |          |            | Derby Range set on fire.<br>Burning chimney.<br>From small furnace.<br>False alarm.<br>No alarm. Bed set on fire by children<br>playing with matches. Two children<br>were suffocated. |
|                            |                                                                            |                                                                                       | \$16,432 | \$11,307   |                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Department called out this month—

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Fires,           | 7 |
| Repeating alarm, | 1 |
| False alarms,    | 2 |
| Burning chimney, | 1 |
| Total, 11 times. |   |

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| Dec. 1 | Mrs. Josiah Quincy, jr.,<br>Hennessey, Phelps & Co. | 21 Brattle street,<br>“    | 5,200   | 5,200   | From cause unknown.                                                                    |
| 5      | Jeremiah O'Connor,                                  | 63 Atkinson street,        | 100     |         | Bed set on fire by a person intoxicated.<br>A son of Mr. O'Connor was burned to death. |
| 9      |                                                     | Harrison avenue,           |         |         | False alarm, caused by smoke from stove filling the building.                          |
| 9      |                                                     | Chelsea st., E. Boston,    |         |         | Burning of old sugar bags, which were set on fire.                                     |
| 10     | Ambrose Lovis,                                      | C street, South Boston,    |         |         | Chemical oil boiling over.                                                             |
| 17     | Watson & Bisbee,                                    | Causeway, cor. Friend st., |         |         | Sawdust near boiler taking fire.                                                       |
| 22     | A. P. Morse,                                        | Second st., S. Boston,     |         |         | Sparks falling on sawdust.                                                             |
| 24     | Joshua Bennett,                                     | 539 Washington street,     |         |         | Supposed from stove pipe.                                                              |
| 24     | H. & F. Parthemiller,                               | “                          |         | 1,450   |                                                                                        |
| 24     | George Patten,                                      | Pleasant street,           |         |         | From stove.                                                                            |
| 24     |                                                     | Commercial street, [st.,   |         |         | False alarm, caused by blowing off steam.                                              |
| 25     | Frederick W. Morse,                                 | Butolph, cor. Cambridge    |         |         | Wood placed over oven taking fire.                                                     |
| 25     | Dr. S. Lindo,                                       | 8½ Kneeland street,        |         |         | Lighted match thrown into varnish.                                                     |
|        | Alexander Mitchell,                                 | 8 “                        |         |         |                                                                                        |
|        | K. P. Saunders,                                     | “                          |         |         |                                                                                        |
| 26     | F. W. Morse,                                        | Butolph street,            | 1,950   | 1,200   | Rekindling of previous fire.                                                           |
| 28     |                                                     | Sudbury street,            | 75      |         | False alarm, caused by light from stove.                                               |
|        |                                                     |                            | \$8,775 | \$7,850 |                                                                                        |

Department called out this month—

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Fires,        | 10        |
| False alarms, | 3         |
| Rekindling,   | 1         |
| Total,        | 14 times. |

# RECAPITULATION—FROM JANUARY 1, 1853, TO JANUARY 1, 1854.

Loss of Property during year, \$268,621. Insurance on same, \$204,173.

|                     |     |                     |             |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-------------|
| Number of Fires,    | 168 | Alarms out of City, | 6           |
| “ False alarms,     | 11  | Rekindling,         | 4           |
| “ Burning chimneys, | 8   | Repeating alarms,   | 5           |
|                     |     | Total,              | 202 alarms. |

| Date.           | Owner or Occupant.                                                                                                                                     | Situation.                                                          | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                                                           |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1854.<br>Jan. 1 | Artemas White,<br>John Wise,<br>Abijah Jenkins,<br>J. & J. M. Hall,<br>W. E. Weeman,<br>Lawrence & Blackmer,<br>W. M. Cunningham,<br>Charles C. Henry, | 94 Sudbury street,<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “ |       |            | Origin unknown.                                                                       |
| 1               | City of Boston,                                                                                                                                        | Sudbury street,<br>Fourth street, corner of<br>E street, S. Boston, | 4,615 | 3,865      | Repeating alarm.<br>No alarm. Bigelow School House slightly<br>damaged, from furnace. |
| 3               | Willis & Co.,                                                                                                                                          | 25 State street,                                                    |       |            | From spittoon. Put out by the Watch,<br>without alarm.                                |
| 10              |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |       |            |                                                                                       |

|    |                         | Commercial wharf,       |         |         |  |
|----|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| 17 |                         |                         |         |         |  |
| 21 | Bazin and Chandler,     | 37 Cornhill,            |         |         |  |
| 21 | Smith Nichols,          | 214 Endicott street,    |         |         |  |
|    | Daniel McCormick,       | "                       |         |         |  |
| 24 | City of Boston,         | Court street,           |         |         |  |
| 24 | Edward F. Porter & Co., | Brown & Lovell's wharf, |         |         |  |
|    |                         | East Boston,            |         |         |  |
| 25 | Uriah Ritchie,          | 122 Charlestown street, |         |         |  |
|    | John McKay,             | "                       |         |         |  |
|    | George Lovejoy,         | 124 " "                 | 510     | 400     |  |
| 25 | T. Wentworth,           | 32 Friend street,       |         |         |  |
| 26 | B. M. Clark & Co.,      | 71 Broad street,        |         |         |  |
|    | S. Cilley,              | "                       | 1,582   | 1,582   |  |
| 26 | James Cofran,           | Canal street,           | 500     | 500     |  |
| 28 |                         | Hanover street,         |         |         |  |
| 29 | Patrick Murphy,         | 46 Southac street,      |         |         |  |
| 29 | A. B. Potter,           | Livingston court,       |         |         |  |
|    | Irish families,         | "                       | 100     |         |  |
| 30 |                         | "                       |         |         |  |
| 30 | M. S. Stone,            | 104 Harrison avenue,    |         |         |  |
|    |                         |                         | \$7,307 | \$6,347 |  |

False alarm, caused by light from fire in a grate.  
 Incendiary. No alarm.  
 Burning of a bed.  
 Cask of rubbish set on fire.  
 From stove pipe.  
 Supposed from stove pipe, or incendiary.  
 Crate of straw, in cellar, set on fire.  
 From steam boiler, in an upper story.  
 Incendiary.  
 False alarm, caused by light of a stove.  
 From stove.  
 Defect in chimney.  
 Rekindling of the above.  
 From stove pipe.

Department called out this month—

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Fires,           | 11        |
| False alarms,    | 2         |
| Rekindling,      | 1         |
| Repeating alarm, | 1         |
| Total,           | 15 times. |

| Date.           | Owner or Occupant.                          | Situation.                | Loss.  | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1854.<br>Feb. 5 | Owners of schr. Wave,<br>Timothy H. Carter, | Central wharf,            | 200    |            | Hay on deck, taking fire from galley.    |
| 7               | John B. Chisholm,                           | 5 Water street,           |        |            | Supposed from stove pipe.                |
|                 | T. J. M. Smith,                             | " "                       |        |            |                                          |
|                 | John A. Haskell,                            | " "                       |        |            |                                          |
|                 | J. & W. McAdams,                            | " "                       |        |            |                                          |
|                 | Frederick Tarbell,                          | " "                       |        |            |                                          |
|                 | Phillips, Sampson & Co.                     | " "                       |        |            |                                          |
|                 | R. B. Fitts & Co.                           | " "                       |        |            |                                          |
|                 | Alvin D. Puffer,                            | " "                       | 6,285  | 4,035      | From stove.                              |
| 7               | Madame Schimberg,                           | 290 Washington street,    |        |            | From flue—slight damage.                 |
| 11              | E. M. P. Wells,                             | 34 Purchase street,       |        |            | No alarm—incendiary.                     |
| 13              | Moses Bass,                                 | 85 Sudbury street,        |        |            | Supposed from lamp.                      |
| 14              | Thomas A. Merrill,                          | 17 Auburn street,         |        |            | Incendiary.                              |
| 15              | Philemon Dugan,                             | Athens st., S. Boston,    |        |            | Supposed incendiary. Charles C. Henry    |
| 16              | Benjamin B. Mussey,                         | Howard street,            |        |            | of No. 7, badly, and J. Wentworth and    |
|                 | Franklin Evans,                             | " "                       |        |            | W. B. Follett of No. 6, slightly injured |
|                 | Fitz Henry Homer,                           | " "                       |        |            | by a falling chimney.                    |
|                 | S. Q. & M. Currier,                         | " "                       | 10,586 | 4,086      | Rekindling of the above.                 |
| 16              |                                             | " "                       |        |            | Supposed incendiary.                     |
| 16              | E. C. Milliken,                             | 12 Canal street,          |        |            |                                          |
|                 | James Fernald,                              | " "                       | 4,782  | 4,782      | Burning chimney.                         |
| 17              |                                             | Pleasant street,          |        |            | Burning of a bed.                        |
| 17              |                                             | Bolton street, S. Boston, |        |            |                                          |



|    |                                                                                 | Tremont street,<br>“                           | 2,500<br>50  | 2,500<br>50  | From defect in flue.                                                        |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 | S. A. Eliot and others,<br>Paran Stevens,                                       | 541 Washington street,<br>Court street,        | 2,500        | 2,500        | From fire left burning in fire place.<br>Court House set on fire, no alarm. |
| 22 | Joshua Bennett,                                                                 | 5 Court street,                                | 50           | 50           | Incendiary—trifling fire in closet.                                         |
| 22 | Silas F. Plimpton,                                                              | 67 Union street,                               |              |              | Supposed from oven, or incendiary.                                          |
| 25 | Heirs of Seth Johnson,<br>Constant T. Benson,<br>Leeds & Ricker,                | “<br>“<br>“                                    |              |              |                                                                             |
|    | John Rayner,<br>C. Tolman & Co.                                                 | “<br>“<br>“                                    |              |              |                                                                             |
|    | Joseph Young,<br>Lambert M. Maynard,                                            | “<br>“                                         |              |              |                                                                             |
| 25 | Davenport & Bodwell,                                                            | 8 Hawley street,                               | 2,375        | 1,258        | Incendiary.                                                                 |
| 26 | William Niles,                                                                  | 27 School street,<br>“                         |              |              | Incendiary.                                                                 |
|    | Somerby & Brooks,<br>F. H. Allen,                                               | 27 Court street,<br>142 Hanover street,        |              |              | Incendiary.                                                                 |
| 26 | Heirs of E. Homer,<br>Redding & Co.                                             | “<br>“                                         |              |              | Supposed incendiary.                                                        |
| 28 | Chas. A. Roundy & Co.<br>Jordan & Torsey,<br>Benj. P. Bassett,<br>A. B. Wilton, | 144 “<br>“<br>“<br>“                           |              |              |                                                                             |
|    | Daley & Hendley,<br>Fifty Associates,<br>John Stevens,                          | 19 Lancaster street.<br>4 Cornhill Court,<br>“ | 2,383<br>114 | 1,483<br>114 | From stove pipe.<br>Set on fire in two places.                              |
| 28 |                                                                                 |                                                | \$29,275     | \$18,308     |                                                                             |

Department called out this month—

|   |                  |    |   |                   |
|---|------------------|----|---|-------------------|
| { | Fires,           | 19 | { | Total, 21 alarms. |
|   | Rekindling,      | 1  |   |                   |
|   | Burning chimney, | 1  |   |                   |

| Date.                | Owner or Occupant.                                                                                                | Situation.                                                                                       | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1854.<br>March 2     | Royal B. Willis,<br>American Ins. Co.<br>Benj. Brown, Jr.                                                         | 24 Sudbury street,<br>56 State street,<br>“ “                                                    |       |            | No alarm—Incendiary.<br>Broken open and set on fire. Richard S.<br>Evans, of Engine No. 11, was run over<br>and badly injured.<br>Probably set on fire.<br>From ashes in a wooden vessel. |
| 7<br>10              | E. H. Maxwell,<br>Henderson Inches,<br>Eben'r E. Dyer,<br>George De Wolf,                                         | 81 Broad street,<br>141 Washington street,<br>“ “                                                | 500   | 500        |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11<br>12<br>17<br>18 | A. P. Clark,<br>E. Callahan,<br>E. Harrington,<br>York Manufacturing Co.<br>E. Railroad Co.                       | 57 Spring street,<br>64 Atkinson street,<br>5 Lucas<br>Sumner st., E. Boston,<br>“ “             | 4,901 | 4,671      | Straw bed set on fire.<br>Burning of bed clothing.<br>Burning of a bed.<br>From sparks of a locomotive. Alarm at<br>East Boston only.                                                     |
| 19                   | Darius Wellington,<br>Albert Hutchings,<br>George Hunter,<br>G. W. Burditt,<br>A. P. Clark,                       | 550 Washington street,<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>57 Spring street,<br>76 and 80 Sea street,<br>“ “ | 7,500 |            | Supposed incendiary. Lyman K. Putney<br>of Engine Co. No. 5, fell from a ladder<br>and broke his leg.                                                                                     |
| 20<br>21             | Thomas B. Wales,<br>James Glover, Jr.,<br>Chauncy Chase,<br>Prentiss Hobbs,<br>Pope & King,<br>Francis J. Oliver, | Hobbs wharf,<br>“ “<br>“ “<br>“ “                                                                | 4,359 | 3,929      | Set on fire in attic.<br>Spontaneous combustion of cotton waste.                                                                                                                          |
|                      |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                  | 3,550 | 1,700      |                                                                                                                                                                                           |



| Date.                | Owner or Occupant.                                                                                                                                                                 | Situation.                                                                                                                               | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                                                                 |
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| 1854.<br>April 9     | Thomas B. Wales,<br>Joseph P. Thompson,<br>Jonas Fitch,<br>Stephen C. Perrin,<br>Sarah W. Story,<br>Rowe st. Baptist Church,                                                       | Wales' wharf,<br>" "                                                                                                                     | 911   | 911        | Combustion of cotton waste.                                                                 |
| 13                   | Thomas Thompson,<br>John Scollay,<br>Mrs. E. P. Deacon,                                                                                                                            | Bedford street,<br>6 Rowe " "<br>8 " " "<br>" " "<br>3 Corn court,<br>674 Washington street,<br>Washington, corner of<br>Concord street, | 2,450 | 2,450      | Ashes placed in a wooden vessel.                                                            |
| 14<br>16<br>16       | Gustavus A. Puffer,<br>E. Jackson,                                                                                                                                                 | 14 Marion street,<br>Newton street,<br>Third street, S. Boston,<br>84 Sudbury street,                                                    | 250   | 250        | From stove; slight damage.<br>Trifling damage; from stove.<br>From defect in flue.          |
| 19<br>21<br>21<br>23 | Artemas White,<br>C. T. Green,<br>W. E. Weeman,<br>John Wise,<br>J. & J. M. Hall,<br>J. M. Hart,<br>Abijah Jenkins,<br>Charles C. Henry,<br>Lawrence & Blackmer,<br>W. Cunningham, | " " "<br>86 " "<br>92 " "<br>" " "<br>" " "<br>94 " "<br>96 " "<br>98 " "<br>" "                                                         |       |            | From chimney.<br>Combustion of old candle wicks.<br>Trifling fire in closet.<br>Incendiary. |
|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                          | 1,725 | 601        |                                                                                             |

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| 26 | James Armstrong,<br>Irish families,                      | Chelsea st., E. Boston,<br>“     |         | From defect in chimney. |
| 30 | John Roesle,<br>Jostah Willard, Jr.<br>Charles M. Paine, | 347 Washington street.<br>“<br>“ | 719     | Origin unknown.         |
|    |                                                          |                                  | \$6,130 |                         |
|    |                                                          |                                  | \$4,931 |                         |

Department called out this month—Fires, 11. Total, 11 times.

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| May 1 | James Edwards,                        | Traverse street,<br>“               | 500 | 350 | Supposed incendiary.<br>Rekindling of the above.<br>Set on fire.      |
| 1     |                                       |                                     |     |     | Burning chimney.                                                      |
| 5     | Samuel A. Way,                        | Harrison Avenue,<br>Sea street,     |     |     | Boiling over of paving material.                                      |
| 9     |                                       |                                     |     |     |                                                                       |
| 11    | N. E. Roofing Co.                     | Dorchester street, South<br>Boston, | 600 |     | Slight fire in wood work around boilers<br>of steamer Daniel Webster. |
| 13    | East Boston Ferry Co.                 | Eastern Railroad wharf,             |     |     | Spontaneous combustion in a barrel of<br>rubbish.                     |
| 13    | Swift & Robinson,                     | Sea street,                         |     |     | No alarm; incendiary.                                                 |
| 17    | Moses P. Stone,                       | Lewis street, E. Boston,            |     |     | Cause unknown. Trifling damage.                                       |
| 21    | J. D. Robertis,<br>Merriam & Parsons, | 20 Brighton street,<br>“            |     |     |                                                                       |
| 26    | William Burrage,                      | Roxbury,                            |     |     | Burning of a varnish factory.                                         |
| 28    |                                       | Cooper street,                      |     |     | False alarm caused by smoke filling room.                             |

| Date.                             | Owner or Occupant.           | Situation.                                | Loss.                                                                            | Insurance.            | Causes, &c.                                     |
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| 1854.<br>May 29                   | Tremont Oil Company,         | Poplar street,<br>A street, South Boston, | \$1,100                                                                          | \$ 350                | Burning chimney.<br>From leakage in oil kettle. |
| Department called out this month— |                              |                                           | Fires,<br>Rekindling,<br>Burning chimneys,<br>Alarm out of City,<br>False alarm, | 7<br>1<br>2<br>1<br>1 | Total, 12 times.                                |
| June 2                            | Sylvester Whitney,           | Blossom court,                            |                                                                                  |                       | False alarm.                                    |
| 2                                 | Henry Cook,                  | "                                         |                                                                                  |                       | Defect in chimney.                              |
|                                   | Granville Whitney,           | Blossom street,                           | 500                                                                              | 500                   |                                                 |
| 2                                 | E. Cutter,                   | Cove place,                               |                                                                                  |                       | Cause unknown.                                  |
| 3                                 |                              | Cove street,                              |                                                                                  |                       | Burning chimney.                                |
| 4                                 | Earl W. Johnson,             | 568 Commercial street,                    |                                                                                  |                       | Wood left under boiler taking fire.             |
| 5                                 | Owners of Sch'r Spring Bird, | Central wharf,                            |                                                                                  |                       | Cargo of line slacking.                         |
| 6                                 | Donald McKay,                | Border st., East Boston,                  |                                                                                  |                       | Pile of lumber set on fire; partial alarm.      |
| 7                                 | Patrick McGovern,            | Swan st., South Boston,                   |                                                                                  |                       | Oakum set on fire by a person smoking a pipe.   |



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| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Boston Stereotype Foundry Company,<br>Charles A. Crane,<br>C. S. Francis,<br>Jeremiah Martin,<br>Samuel Wales, jr., | 2 Spring lane,<br>" "<br>" "<br>47 Utica street,<br>" "<br>Williams street,<br>377 Washington street,<br>Webster st., E. Boston,<br>" "<br>" "<br>" " | 95<br>95<br>2,470<br>350<br>2,200<br>50<br>5,200 | 95<br>2,470<br>350<br>250<br>4,200 | Supposed from fire left on moulds.<br>Cause unknown.<br>Burning chimney.<br>Incendiary.<br>Supposed from small furnace, or cinders.<br>Burning chimney.<br>Defect in chimney.<br>Incendiary.<br>Origin unknown.<br>Sled set on fire. Put out by the Department, on their way to South Boston.<br>Burning of a barn.<br>Slight burning of a dwelling.<br>Rubbish set on fire by boys.<br>From a small furnace. |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Charles W. Blodgett,<br>East Boston Wharf Co.,<br>Soule & Richards,<br>Washburn Weston,<br>Ebenezer Curtice,        |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sylvester Whitney,<br>Old Colony R. R. Co.,<br>Patrick Lowne,<br>Irish families,                                    |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Boston Steam Engine Co.                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <div> <div>Department called out this month—</div> <div> <div>Fires, 14</div> <div>Burning chimneys, 3</div> <div>Alarms out of City, 2</div> <div>False alarms, 2</div> </div> <div>Total, 21 times.</div> </div> |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                       | \$11,365                                         | \$8,365                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Date.  | Owner or Occupant.                                            | Situation.               | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                               |
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| 1854.  |                                                               |                          |       |            |                                           |
| July 1 | Henry Jones & Co.,                                            | Border st., East Boston, |       |            | Slight fire in a pile of lumber.          |
| 2      | J. & J. M. Milk,                                              | 606 Washington street,   |       |            | Box of straw in cellar set on fire.       |
| 3      |                                                               | Roxbury,                 |       |            | Burning of Bacon's Block.                 |
| 4      | Warren White,                                                 | 827 Washington street,   |       |            | Supposed to have caught in the roof, from |
|        | Otis E. Bowen,                                                | " "                      |       |            | India crackers.                           |
|        | Francis Hollingworth,                                         | 829 " "                  |       |            |                                           |
|        | Charles G. Crockett,                                          | 831 " "                  |       |            |                                           |
|        | William J. Twombly,                                           | 833 " "                  | 1,075 | 575        |                                           |
| 4      | Hannah Gamage,                                                | 3 Camden place,          | 245   | 245        | Accidental.                               |
| 4      | McHenry,                                                      | Meridian st., E. Boston, |       |            | Roof set on fire by crackers.             |
| 4      | Charles Pratt,                                                | 19 Spring street,        |       |            | Slight damage to roof, from crackers.     |
|        | William T. Standish,                                          | " "                      |       |            |                                           |
| 4      |                                                               | Kingston street,         |       |            | Burning of a bed.                         |
| 4      | John C. Prescott,                                             | Friend street,           |       |            | Supposed incendiary.                      |
|        | Daniel G. Ames,                                               | " "                      |       |            |                                           |
|        | Edwin Adams,                                                  | Chapel place,            | 450   | 350        |                                           |
|        | William Blake,                                                | " "                      |       |            |                                           |
| 5      |                                                               |                          |       |            |                                           |
| 5      | Benjamin James,                                               | Gold street, S. Boston,  |       |            | Rekindling of the above.                  |
| 6      | Perkins Institution and }<br>Mass. Asylum for the }<br>Blind, | Broadway, S. Boston,     | 200   | 200        | Basket of clothing taking fire.           |
|        |                                                               | " "                      |       |            | Cause unknown.                            |
| 6      |                                                               |                          |       |            | Repeating the above alarm.                |

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| 8  | C. C. Paine,<br>John Tuttle,               | 45 Sudbury street,<br>“  | 50      | Sparks from furnace setting fire to roof.      |
| 11 | Worcester Railroad Co.,<br>Irish families, | Lehigh street,<br>“      | 100     | Cause unknown.                                 |
| 11 | Harvey T. Litchfield,                      | Lewis street, E. Boston, | 780     | From chimney; partial alarm.                   |
| 16 | Graunville Mears,                          | Blake's court,           |         | Spontaneous combustion of bags, or incendiary. |
| 19 |                                            |                          |         | False alarm.                                   |
| 22 | Jotham Stetson,                            | Chelsea,                 |         | Burning of a barn.                             |
| 27 | Mrs. Croak,                                | Maverick sq., E. Boston, |         | Straw in cellar taking fire.                   |
| 29 | Richard Shackford,                         | 15 Liverpool st., E. B.  |         | Trifling damage to shed.                       |
| 31 | Heirs of Geo. Parkman,                     | Cyprus street,           | 75      | Defect in chimney.                             |
|    |                                            |                          | \$2,975 |                                                |
|    |                                            |                          | \$2,225 |                                                |

Department called out this month—

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| Fires,              | 16        |
| Rekindling,         | 1         |
| Repeating alarm,    | 1         |
| Alarms out of City, | 2         |
| False alarm,        | 1         |
| Total,              | 21 times. |

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| Aug. 1 | Cook & Rindge,     | 27 Atkinson street,<br>“       | Incendiary.                                    |
| 1      |                    |                                | Rekindling of the above.                       |
| 2      | Ebenezer Weeks,    | Weeks' wharf, E. Boston,       | Wharf taking fire from kettles; partial alarm. |
| 3      | George W. Gerrish, | Commercial street,<br>Roxbury, | Old buildings set on fire.                     |
| 3      |                    |                                | Trifling fire at Turpentine Works.             |
| 12     |                    | Cambridgeport,                 | Burning of about twenty buildings.             |

| Date.                  | Owner or Occupant.                                                              | Situation.                                               | Loss. | Insurance. | Causes, &c.                                              |
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| 1854.<br>Aug. 14<br>15 | Willis & Ferren,<br>Irish families,                                             | 40 Merrimack street,<br>Doherty court, East Bos-<br>ton, |       |            | Probably set on fire by boys.<br>Fire-board taking fire. |
| 16                     | Josiah Dunham,<br>John A. Sullivan,                                             | Corner B and Fourth<br>streets, South Boston,            | 950   | 900        | Cause unknown.                                           |
| 17                     | Heirs of Samuel Low,                                                            | Henchman street,                                         |       |            | Barrel of rubbish in yard set on fire.                   |
| 20                     | John Fleming,<br>Philip Hacken,                                                 | 35 Endicott street,<br>“                                 |       |            | Bursting of a camphene lamp.                             |
| 20                     |                                                                                 | “                                                        |       |            | False alarm.                                             |
| 22                     | William K. Lewis &<br>Brothers,                                                 | 93 Broad street,                                         |       |            | Falling of two large granite warehouses.                 |
|                        | Hummelman, Hazen &<br>Co.,                                                      | 95 “ “                                                   |       |            |                                                          |
| 22                     |                                                                                 | “                                                        |       |            |                                                          |
| 22                     | — Lane,                                                                         | 445 Hanover street,                                      |       |            | From the same.                                           |
| 26                     |                                                                                 | 265 Second street, South<br>Boston,                      |       |            | Bursting of a camphene lamp.                             |
|                        |                                                                                 | 3 Staniford street,                                      |       |            | Burning of a lot of shavings in the rear.                |
| 29                     | William Denton,<br>Richard H. Salter,<br>Nathaniel Mitchell,<br>Thomas Wetmore, | 1 “ “<br>5 “ “<br>“                                      | 425   | 275        | Incendiary.                                              |

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| 29 | William Crehore,<br>John Holmes, | Corner Dedham street<br>and Harrison avenue | 100     | Probably set on fire by boys smoking<br>cigars in shed. |
|    |                                  |                                             | \$1,475 | \$1,175                                                 |

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| Department called out this month— |  | 13 |  | } | Total, 18 times. |
| Fires,                            |  | 1  |  |   |                  |
| Rekindling,                       |  | 2  |  |   |                  |
| Alarms out of City,               |  | 1  |  |   |                  |
| False alarm,                      |  | 1  |  |   |                  |
| Falling of buildings,             |  | 1  |  |   |                  |

# RECAPITULATION.

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|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| Loss of Property,    | - | - | - | - | Insurance,              | - | - | - | - | \$106,880 |
| Number of Fires,     | - | - | - | - | Alarms out of City,     | - | - | - | - | 9         |
| “ False Alarms,      | - | - | - | - | Repeating of Alarm,     | - | - | - | - | 4         |
| Burning Chimneys,    | - | - | - | - | Falling of Buildings,   | - | - | - | - | 1         |
| Rekindling of Ruins, | - | - | - | - | Total number of Alarms, | - | - | - | - | 195       |





AN ORDINANCE  
ESTABLISHING A FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
AND PROVIDING FOR  
PREVENTING AND EXTINGUISHING FIRES.

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*Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled:—*

SECT. 1. The fire department shall consist of a chief engineer, nine other engineers, and of as many enginemen, hydrant-men, and hook and ladder men, to be divided into companies, as the number of engines and the number and quantity of other fire apparatus belonging to the City shall from time to time require.

SECT. 2. There shall be chosen annually, by the city council, in the months of January or February, a chief engineer and nine other engineers, who shall hold their offices one year and until others are chosen in their places; provided, however, that no assistant engineer shall hold over in case five of the new board are elected; and in all cases of holding over, preference shall be given to seniority of age.

SECT. 3. The city council may, by a concurrent vote at any time, remove from office the chief engineer, or any of the other engineers; and the mayor and aldermen may at any time discharge any or all of the officers or members of either of said companies.

SECT. 4. Each engineer shall, upon his appointment, receive a written or printed certificate or warrant, in the words following, viz:

“This certifies that A. B. is appointed an engineer (or chief engineer) of the fire department of the city of Boston, and is entitled to all the immunities belonging to said office.

Given under my hand this                      day of                      A. D. 18  
Mayor.

City Clerk.”

And the respective rank of the engineers shall be determined by the mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 5. The engineers, so chosen, shall meet and organize themselves into a board of engineers, a majority of whom shall form a quorum, and of which, in the absence of the chief engineer, the senior engineer present shall be presiding officer; and they may appoint such secretary or other officers, and make such rules and regulations for their own government, as they may see fit, and such secretary shall receive such compensation as the city council may deem expedient. They shall be responsible for the discipline, good order and proper conduct of the whole department, both officers and men, and for the care of all houses, engines, hose carriages, and other furniture and apparatus thereto belonging. They shall have the superintendence and control of all the engine and other houses used for the purposes of the fire department, and of all furniture and apparatus thereto belonging, and of the engines and all other fire apparatus belonging to the city, and over the officers and members of the several companies attached to the fire department, and over all persons present at fires, and they may make such rules and regulations for the better government, discipline, and good order of the department, and for the extinguishment of fires, as they may from time to time, think expedient, the same not being repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth, or to any ordinance of the city, and being subject to the approbation of the mayor and aldermen. The assistant engineers shall report their absences from fires to the chief engineer, with the reasons therefor, who shall keep a record of the same, and make report thereof, stating all the facts to the city council, every year prior to the election of engineers. In the absence of the chief engineer, the clerk shall make said record and report.

SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of said engineers, whenever a fire shall break out in the city, immediately to repair to the place of such fire, and to carry with them a suitable staff or badge of their office; to take proper measures that the several engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situations, and duly worked for the effectual extinguishment of the fire; to require and compel assistance from all persons, as well members of the fire department as others, in extinguishing the fire, removing furniture, goods, or other merchandize from any building on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint guards to secure the same; and also in pulling down and demolishing any house or building if occasion require, or further to suppress all tumults and disorders. It shall also be their duty to cause order to be preserved in going to, working at, or return-

ing from fires, and at all other times when companies attached to the department are on duty.

SECT. 7. Whenever any fire occurs in either of the adjoining towns, it shall be the duty of only such and so many of said engineers to repair to such towns, as shall have been previously designated for such purpose by the board of engineers.

SECT. 8. The chief engineer shall have the sole command at fires over all the other engineers, all members of the fire department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, and shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of fires, protection of property, preservation of order, and observance of the laws, ordinances and regulations respecting fires; and it shall be the duty of said chief engineer to examine into the condition of the engines and all other fire apparatus, and of the engine and other houses belonging to the city and used for the purposes of the fire department and of the companies attached to the said department, as often as circumstances may render it expedient, or whenever directed so to do by the mayor and aldermen, or by the committee of the board of aldermen, on the fire department, and annually to report the same to the mayor and aldermen, and oftener if thereunto requested; also, to cause a full description of the same together with the names of the officers and members of the fire department, to be published annually in such manner as the mayor and aldermen shall direct; and whenever the engines or other fire apparatus, engine or other houses used by the fire department, require alterations, additions, or repairs, the chief engineer, under the direction of the board of aldermen, or of the committee on the fire department, shall cause the same to be made; and it shall be moreover the duty of the chief engineer to receive and transmit to the board of aldermen all returns of officers, members and fire apparatus, made by the respective companies as hereinafter prescribed, and all other communications, relating to the affairs of the fire department; to keep fair and exact rolls of the respective companies, specifying the time of admission and discharge, and the age of each member; to report in writing to the city clerk, who shall keep a record of the same, once in each year, or oftener if directed so to do by the mayor and aldermen, all accidents by fire which may happen within the city, with the causes thereof, as well as can be ascertained, and the number and description of the buildings destroyed or injured, together with the names of the owners or occupants.

SECT. 9. In case of the absence of the chief engineer, the engineer next in rank who may be present, shall execute the duties of his office, with full powers.

SECT. 10. As many engine, hydrant, and hook and ladder companies shall from time to time be formed by the mayor and aldermen, as they shall deem expedient, and each of said companies shall consist of as many men as said mayor and aldermen may determine, who shall be appointed exclusively by them.

SECT. 11. No person under twenty-one years of age shall be employed as a member of the fire department; nor shall any person be so employed who is not a citizen of the United States, and a legal voter in the city of Boston.

SECT. 12, 13. Repealed December 31, 1852.

SECT. 14. Whenever any person shall have received his certificate of appointment to any office under this ordinance he shall, thereby be immediately invested with all the authority conferred, and subject to all the duties imposed by the laws, the city ordinances, and the rules and regulations of the fire department, until discharged therefrom, either by death or resignation, or by order of the mayor and aldermen, or the board of engineers, as hereinafter provided for, and the vacancy occasioned by his discharge shall be filled, as soon as may be, in the manner herein prescribed.

SECT. 15. It shall be the duty of the foremen to see that the several engines and apparatus committed to their care, and the several buildings in which the same are deposited, and all things in or belonging to the same, are kept neat, clean, and in order for immediate use; it shall also be their duty to preserve order and discipline at all times in their respective companies, and require and enforce a strict compliance with the city ordinances, the rules and regulations of the department and the orders of the engineers. They shall also keep, or cause to be kept by the clerk of their respective companies, fair and exact rolls, specifying the time of admission, discharge and age of each member, and accounts of all city property entrusted to the care of the several members, and of all absences and tardiness among the same, in a book provided for that purpose by the city, which rolls or record books are always to be subject to the order of the board of engineers and the mayor and aldermen. They shall also make or cause to be made to the chief engineer, true and accurate returns of all the members, with their ages, and the apparatus entrusted to their care, whenever called upon so to do.

SECT. 16. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the several engine, hydrant, and hook and ladder companies, whenever a fire shall break out in the city, to repair forthwith to their respective engines, hose, hook and ladder carriages, and other apparatus, and to convey them, in as orderly manner as may be, to or near the place



where the fire may be, in conformity with the directions of the chief or other engineers; to exert themselves in the most orderly manner possible, in working and managing the said engines, hose, hook and ladders, and other apparatus; and in performing any duty that they may be called upon to do, by any engineer; and upon permission of the chief or other engineer, shall in an orderly and quiet manner return said engines, hose, hook and ladder carriages, and other apparatus, to their respective places of deposit. *Provided*, that in the absence of all the engineers such direction and permission may be given by their respective foremen.

SECT. 17. Any officer or other member may be removed or dismissed from the fire department by a vote of the chief engineer and two-thirds of the assistant engineers; and said vote shall be final, unless in the case of officers, the same shall be reversed by the mayor and aldermen within fourteen days after it shall have been passed.

SECT. 18. In all cases of removal from office by the engineers, the name of the party removed with a statement of the reasons therefor, shall be entered on their records, and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the board of mayor and aldermen, before their next regular meeting.

SECT. 19. No officer, who may have been dismissed or removed from the fire department, shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of the chief engineer and two-thirds of the assistant engineers, and, in such case, said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by the board of mayor and aldermen, and no member shall be reinstated except by a vote of three-fourths of the mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 20. Every company shall have two or more suction hose-men and three or more leading hose men, to be appointed by the foremen of such company, subject to the approval of the board of engineers, and they shall hold their places for six months, unless sooner removed by the said board. For the purposes of discharge and removal, suction and leading hose men shall be regarded as members and not as officers.

SECT. 21. The steward shall hold his office in like manner for not less than six months. It shall be his duty to keep clean the house the engine, hose, or other apparatus which may belong to the company, to clear the snow in winter from the sidewalk connected with the house, and generally to see that the engine and apparatus are ready for immediate use.

SECT. 22. The engineers and members of the several companies regularly appointed, shall wear such caps, badges, or insignia as the

mayor and aldermen shall from time to time direct, to be furnished at the expense of the city, and no other person or persons shall be permitted to wear the same, except under such restrictions and regulations as the mayor and aldermen may direct.

SECT. 23. No uniform, unless such caps, badges, or insignia as are prescribed from time to time by the mayor and aldermen, shall be allowed to be worn on any occasion, as firemen, by either officers or men belonging to the department.

SECT. 24. No company shall have power to appoint or discharge any officer or member.

SECT. 25. No company shall leave the city, in case of fire in the neighboring towns, excepting by the express order of the chief engineer, or one of the assistant engineers; and no company shall leave the city on an excursion, or appear in the streets, as firemen, except in case of an alarm of fire unless by the express direction and permission of the city council.

SECT. 26. The lower story only of the engine, hydrant, and hook and ladder houses, shall be appropriated to the use of the department; and no furniture or decoration shall be allowed, except such as is furnished by the city.

SECT. 27. No associations, or organized societies, or clubs of firemen, as such, shall be allowed, except by the express permission of the city council.

SECT. 28. Repealed December 31, 1852.

SECT. 29. Any officer or member of the fire department who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct or disobedience to his superiors in office, shall for such offence be dismissed from the department; and if any officer or member, who shall offend against any ordinance of the city relating to the fire department, shall, in addition to the liability of dismissal, be liable to a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 30. Every member and every officer of the fire department shall sign the following statement, to be deposited with the board of engineers: "I, A. B., having been appointed a member of "the Boston Fire Department, hereby signify my agreement to abide "by all the ordinances of the city council, and the rules and regulations of the mayor and aldermen, and the board of engineers relating thereto." And any officer or member, who shall neglect or refuse to sign the same, shall not be entitled to any compensation whatsoever.



SECT. 31. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer, or other engineers, to report to the mayor and aldermen, the name of every person not a member of either of said companies, who shall, contrary to law, refuse or neglect to obey any orders of any engineer, given at any fire.

SECT. 32. It shall be the duty of such of the constables or police officers of the city, as may be selected by the engineers for that service, to repair with their staves or such other badges of office as the mayor and aldermen shall direct, on the alarm of fire, immediately to the place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power under the direction of the chief engineer, for the preservation of the public peace, the prevention of theft, and destruction of property, and the removal of all suspected persons; for which service, the constables or police officers shall receive such compensation as shall be in each case ordered by the mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 33. Immediately on the alarm of fire, during the night, it shall be the duty of the respective watchmen to give notice thereof within their respective districts, by springing their rattles, crying "fire," or ringing a bell, and mentioning the street or direction where it may be; and if any watchman shall neglect so to do, he shall forfeit and pay two dollars, and if it shall happen that a chimney only shall be on fire, either by night or day, the bell shall not be rung, but only when a building is proclaimed to be on fire.

SECT. 34. Whenever it shall be adjudged, at any fire, by any three or more of the engineers, of whom the chief engineer, if present, shall be one, to be necessary, in order to prevent the further spreading of the fire, to pull down or otherwise demolish any building, the same may be done by their joint order.

SECT. 35. It shall be the duty of the chief and other engineers to inquire for and examine into all shops and other places, where shavings or other such combustible materials may be collected and deposited, and at all times to be vigilant in taking care of the removal of the same, whenever in the opinion of any two of them the same may be dangerous to the security of the city from fires, and to direct the tenant or occupant of said shops or other places to remove the same; and, in case of such tenant's or occupant's neglect or refusal so to do, to cause the same to be removed at the expense of such tenant or occupant, who shall in addition be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for such neglect or refusal; and any person, who shall obstruct the engineers or any of them in carrying out the provisions of this section, shall also be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars. It shall also be the duty of said engineers to take cogni-

zance of, and to cause prosecutions to be instituted in all cases of infraction of the laws relative to the erection of wooden buildings, or of any other laws or ordinances for the prevention of fire within the limits of the city.

SECT. 36. The power of making and establishing rules and regulations for the transportation and keeping of gunpowder within the city of Boston, and of granting licenses for the keeping and sale thereof in the city, according to the provisions of an act entitled "an act further regulating the storage, safe keeping, and transportation of gunpowder in the city of Boston," and of any other act or acts on the same subject, shall be exercised and performed by the chief and other engineers, and the power and duty of seizing any gunpowder kept or being within the city or harbor thereof contrary to the provisions of the said act or acts, shall be exercised and performed by the said engineers or any of them; and in case of any seizure being made by any engineer other than the chief, he shall forthwith report to the chief engineer, who shall cause the said gunpowder to be libelled and prosecuted in the manner prescribed in the said acts, and all the other powers and duties granted or enjoined in and by the said act or acts, shall be performed by the said chief or one of the other engineers.

SECT. 37. All moneys received for fines, forfeitures and penalties, arising under this ordinance and the laws of this commonwealth, regulating the storage and transportation of gunpowder, the erection of buildings within the city of Boston, and the prevention and extinguishment of fire, unless by such laws otherwise specially provided, shall be paid into the treasury of the city, to be applied in such way as is provided in the acts of this commonwealth.

SECT. 38. Every person who shall have served according to law in the fire department for seven successive years, shall be entitled to receive a certificate thereof, signed by the mayor of said city, and all persons who shall receive said certificate as aforesaid, shall be entitled to wear the badge of the department, and to do duty therein, when desired so to do by the mayor and aldermen under such organization and management as they may determine.

SECT. 39. There shall be paid annually to each member of the department such sum as the city council may from time to time determine; and in case of the temporary absence from the city of any member, for forty-eight hours or more, he shall provide a substitute, to be approved by the foreman of his company, whose name he shall return to the clerk of the same, failing in which he shall forfeit one month's compensation, provided the same may be due to him up to the time of such absence.

SECT. 40. The members of the several companies shall not assemble in the houses entrusted to their care, except for the purpose of nominating officers, taking the engine or apparatus on an alarm of fire, and of returning the same to the house, and taking the necessary care of said apparatus after its return.

SECT. 41. This ordinance shall take effect on and after the first day of July next; and an ordinance "establishing a fire department and providing for preventing and extinguishing fires," passed June 4th, 1850, shall on said day expire, and be thereafter of no effect and void: with the exception of the section thereof, relating to the burning of chimneys, stove pipes or flues. And all officers or members of the Fire Department appointed under said ordinance shall on that day be removed therefrom, and shall be entitled to pay *pro rata* to that time.

*In Common Council, May 26, 1851.*

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, June 2, 1851.*

Passed in concurrence.

JOHN P. BIGELOW, *Mayor.*

## AN ORDINANCE

In addition to an Ordinance in relation to the Fire Department,  
passed June 2d, 1851.

*Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The term of service for the members of the Fire Department shall commence on the first day of the month, and shall continue for periods of six months each. And every officer or member who shall not serve the whole of said period of six months, except in cases of sickness, death, or removal from the City, or who shall be removed therefrom for cause, shall forfeit any and all compensation that would otherwise have been due to him at the time when such service ceased, or such removal took place.

SECT. 2. Every company shall have a foreman, an assistant foreman, a clerk, and a steward, who shall be nominated annually in the month of January by the members to the Board of Engineers; and being by them approved, their names shall be sent to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval or rejection, and in case of rejection, another person shall be nominated as aforesaid before the next meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen; and these officers, when elected, shall receive certificates of appointment, signed by the Mayor, and shall hold their places until removed, or others are appointed in their stead.

SECT. 3. No company shall be allowed to impose fines upon its members; but it shall be the duty of the clerk of each company to enter in the roll book provided by the City, all absence and tardiness of each officer and member of said company; and to make a monthly return of the same to the Board of Engineers. And for every absence or tardiness, except in case of sickness, there shall be deducted from the pay of such officer or member the sum of twenty-five cents, which amount so deducted shall be paid over at the end of each month to the treasurer of the company to which the member so fined shall belong, to meet the incidental expenses of the company. And

if any officer or member shall have been absent or tardy at more than one third of the fires, or alarms of fires, except in case of sickness, during the month, such absence or tardiness shall be considered good cause for his discharge from the Department, if more than five.

SECT. 5. The 12th, 13th and 28th sections of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department, and providing for preventing and extinguishing fires," passed on the second day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, are hereby repealed.

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*In Common Council, December 30, 1852.*

Passed and ordered to be printed.

Sent up for concurrence.

HENRY J. GARDNER, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*December 31, 1852.*

Passed in concurrence.

BENJAMIN SEAVER, *Mayor.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
 FOR THE  
 ENGINE, HOSE, HYDRANT, HOOK AND LADDER,  
 AND OTHER  
 COMPANIES,  
 ATTACHED TO THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS, JULY 1ST, 1851,  
 AND  
 APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN JULY 14TH, 1851.

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ART. 1. All the companies of the department shall be furnished with a copy of the fire ordinance, and the rules and regulations, which shall be framed and placed in their respective houses, and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of the department to conform to all the requisitions and perform all the duties therein required.

ART. 2. The hose, hydrant, and hook and ladder companies are not allowed to leave the city under any consideration whatever, unless permitted by the board.

ART. 3. If any engine or fire apparatus be so damaged that immediate repairs are necessary, it may be taken forthwith to a suitable person to be repaired; but no repairs shall be made until information of such damage and place is given to the chief engineer, that he may order or superintend such repairs. Provided, that in case such information cannot be readily given to the chief engineer, it may be given to the assistant engineer living in the ward in which the engine or apparatus is located, who will report to the chief engineer as soon as may be. All bills for work done of any kind are to be presented for approbation immediately after the work is completed and delivered.



ART. 4. The utmost order, silence and decorum will be preserved in going to, working at, and returning from a fire, and the use of rattles, horns and all unnecessary noises, and the smoking of pipes and cigars are strictly prohibited ; on no occasion will the engines and other apparatus be conveyed on the side-walk without the special permission of an engineer, nor will any company be permitted to run their engines or other carriage in returning from a fire or alarm, or by each other.

ART. 5. The foreman or commanding officer of each company will remain by his company or apparatus, of which he has charge, to preserve order and direct their operations, and all members of the several companies, except when otherwise engaged on special duty, will remain at or about the apparatus to which they are attached.

ART. 6. Members of each company are to have the control of the apparatus committed to their care, which is not to be handled, used, or in any way meddled with by the members of other companies, unless by permission of the officers of the company having charge of said apparatus, or special order of an engineer.

ART. 7. It is required of the members of the department to avoid setting open the doors or windows of a building where fire may be, until a supply of water can be procured ; and when water is obtained, to apply it judiciously and directly to the part on fire, and carefully avoid damaging furniture or goods by water.

ART. 8. On arrival at a fire, the first engine or hydrant company will immediately proceed to the nearest reservoir or hydrant from which a supply of water can be obtained.

All engines in the line, except the one playing on the fire, will have the whole of their hose extended, which shall always consist of no less than two hundred and fifty feet, and hose from the hydrant companies, which shall not consist of less than five hundred feet on each carriage, will not be called for until their own is all in use.

Engine companies will not call on each other for hose, but upon any engineer, who will order the necessary quantity from a hydrant or engine company.

ART. 9. The hook and ladder companies will take position when practicable within lines, and as near the fire, as under all circumstances, may be found convenient.

The commanding officers of these companies will, immediately on their arrival, report themselves to any engineer.

ART. 10. No company shall be allowed to draw water from the reservoirs, or to use the hydrants except in case of fire.

ART. 11. To prevent serious trouble and inconvenience to the department by walking their engines and apparatus abreast of each other in returning from fires and alarms, it is ordered, that the members of the department have the apparatus under their charge conveyed in a direct line on the right of the street, while returning from a fire or alarm.

ART. 12. FINES.—All members of the several companies neglecting to attend to a fire or an alarm, shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five cents, and the clerk shall make a return of the same to the Engineer's office on the first day of every month.

*City Document.—No. 66.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**CITY SOLICITOR'S OPINION.**

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# CITY SOLICITOR'S OPINION.

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*Court street, September 4, 1854.*

GENTLEMEN,—

The following questions have been submitted to me, and my opinion desired thereupon :

Have the Directors of the House of Correction (who are chosen annually) the power to make contracts with various individuals, by which the city shall be bound to furnish convict labor at any given place, for a term of years? If such contracts have been made, without specifying where such labor should be furnished, would the fact that the House of Correction, at the time of making such contracts, was located at South Boston, necessarily imply that said labor was to be furnished at that place? Are the city confined to any particular locality by such contracts? Would the removal of said Institution from South Boston to Deer Island be a breach of such contracts, and thereby render the city liable in an action for damages?

The powers of the Directors of the House of Correction are derived from statutes of the Commonwealth, and their authority in regard to making contracts for the labor of convicts may be found set forth on page 219 of the city ordinances, as follows: "The Overseers of each House of Correction may make contracts, for work to be done in the House, with any person who may be disposed to supply material to be there

wrought; they may also make contracts for letting out to hire, during the day time, any of the persons there confined, to employers living near enough, in their opinion, to the House of Correction, for the said Overseer or the Master of the said House to have the general inspection of the conduct of the persons so let out to hire, and of the treatment they receive."

It will be noticed that there is no restriction in the above recital of powers, as to the time over which their contracts shall extend; therefore, the Directors would be authorized to make contracts, within the range of their delegated authority, extending over a term of years, unless a restriction in point of time be inferred from the fact that the Directors are elected annually. But I think that no such inference can be legally drawn. The Directors of the House of Correction are the agents of the city, within their delegated sphere, and if they could not make a contract to bind the city beyond the time for which they were chosen, it would follow that the same restriction must extend to the other departments and functionaries of the city, inasmuch as all city officers are chosen annually. It would be the same with Directors of Banks, Insurance Companies, and Manufacturing Corporations. It would be impossible for the business of the city, or the business of life generally, to go on, if such were the law. I am therefore clearly of the opinion that the Directors of the House of Correction are authorized to make contracts within the sphere of their authority, which shall extend beyond one year.

As to the second clause of your inquiry, I beg leave to state, that by the statutes of the Commonwealth it is made the duty of the Mayor and Aldermen to erect, or otherwise provide, a fit and convenient House or

Houses of Correction. See City Ordinances, page 217. This is a general and unlimited obligation. The Mayor and Aldermen are not only authorized to provide a House of Correction, but it is made their duty to do so. Whenever any building, used as a House of Correction, ceases to be fit and convenient for that purpose, it becomes the duty of the Mayor and Aldermen either to make it so fit or convenient, or to erect a new one. The decision and responsibility are theirs and theirs alone. All contracts made with the Directors of the House of Correction must be subject to this paramount power in the Mayor and Aldermen; and I am of the opinion that it is not within the power of the Directors to make any contract which shall impair or modify the powers and duties of the Mayor and Aldermen in this regard.

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE S. HILLARD,

*City Solicitor.*

*Boston, September 23, 1854*

I concur in the foregoing conclusion.

P. W. CHANDLER.



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CITY OF BOSTON.

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ADDITIONAL  
APPROPRIATIONS.

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CITY HALL, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1854.

*To the City Council of the City of Boston.*

By a vote of the Committee on Public Buildings, at their meeting on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the undersigned was directed to make a communication to *you*, respecting the appropriation for the Grammar School Houses, at South Boston and East Boston.

The appropriation for a school house at South Boston is forty-five thousand dollars, for the purchase of land and erection of the building.

The cost of the land purchased, is twelve thousand and thirty-one dollars. Masons', Carpenters', and Painters' proposals, for the erection of the building, as accepted by the Sub-Committee, (contracts not signed,) amount to forty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, being eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars more than the appropriation. To which may be added the estimated cost of mastic work, furnaces, iron fence, plans and specifications, five thousand two hundred dollars more; making a deficiency of thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-one dollars, on the cost of land and building, (in the appropriation for the school house at South Boston.)

The appropriation for the school house at East Boston is forty thousand dollars, for the purchase of land and erection of the building. The cost of the land purchased, is nine thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars, leaving a balance of thirty thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars, for the erection of the building.

The lowest proposals (as will be seen per schedule annexed) from masons, carpenters and painters, were, thirty thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents, exceeding the appropriation one hundred sixty-three dollars and ninety-two cents.

The estimated cost of furnaces, iron fence, plans and specifications, are, three thousand two hundred dollars more, leaving a deficiency of appropriation of thirteen thousand three hundred sixty-three dollars and ninety-two cents, (for the school house at East Boston,) and a deficiency of appropriation for both buildings, of twenty-seven thousand three hundred forty-four dollars and ninety-two cents.

By some misconstruction of the appropriation, (the committee having voted for each sum appropriated, with the understanding that it was for the erection of the building, without regard to the purchase of land) by the Sub-Committee, the contracts with the masons and carpenters have been signed, which is a violation of an ordinance prohibiting committees from making contracts exceeding appropriations.

And the Committee on Public Buildings now ask you to make an additional appropriation, or take such other course, as to you may seem just and proper.

JOHN T. DINGLEY,

*Chairman pro tem.*

# 4      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.      [Sept.

SIR :

I find the cost of erecting the Grammar School House at South Boston, as follows :

|                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Cost of Land, now paid for, is                    | - | - | - | - | - | \$12,031.00     |
| Masons' Contract, as agreed upon in Committee, is | - | - | - | - | - | 27,000.00       |
| Carpenters'      "      "      "      "      "    | - | - | - | - | - | 12,950.00       |
| Painting and Glazing,      "      "      "        | - | - | - | - | - | 1,800.00        |
| For Furnace, &c.,                                 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,500.00        |
| To Mastic Work on outside of Building,            | - | - | - | - | - | 2,000.00        |
| Plans and Specification,                          | - | - | - | - | - | 200.00          |
| Iron Fences,                                      | - | - | - | - | - | 500.00          |
|                                                   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 58,981.00 |
| Amount appropriated is                            | - | - | - | - | - | 45,000.00       |
|                                                   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/>           |
| Deficient, this amount,                           | - | - | - | - | - | 13,981.00       |

Respectfully,

SAMUEL C. NOTTAGE, *Superintendent.*

*September 20, 1854.*

SIR :

I find the cost of erecting the Grammar School House in East Boston, as follows :

|                                             |   |   |   |   |   |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Cost of Land, now paid for, is              | - | - | - | - | - | 9,375.00        |
| Contract now made for Masonry, is           | - | - | - | - | - | 26,533.92       |
| Contract now made for Carpentry, is         | - | - | - | - | - | 11,960.00       |
| Contract not made for Painting and Glazing, | - | - | - | - | - | 2,295.00        |
| Contract not made for Furnaces,             | - | - | - | - | - | 2,500.00        |
| For Plans and Specifications,               | - | - | - | - | - | 200.00          |
| Iron Fences, not considered,                | - | - | - | - | - | 500.00          |
|                                             |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 53,363.92 |
| Amount Appropriated, is                     | - | - | - | - | - | 40,000.00       |
|                                             |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/>           |
| Deficient, this amount,                     | - | - | - | - | - | \$13,363.92     |

Respectfully,

SAMUEL C. NOTTAGE, *Superintendent.*

*September 20, 1854.*

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION,  
1854.

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*In Common Council, October 5, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*

*Office House of Correction, Boston, May 29th, 1854.*

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned, in pursuance of a vote of the Board of Overseers, respectfully represents, That the Rules and Regulations under which the Overseers now act, were adopted by the City Council several years ago, and when the Board consisted of but five members ; that the Board having been increased to twelve members, and various changes having taken place in respect to the management of the Institution, some alterations and additions to those Rules are deemed necessary, and a committee of conference is asked in view of that object.

For the Board,

W. H. FOSTER,

*Chairman, pro tem.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, June 6th, 1854.*

Read, and Aldermen Dunham, Munroe and Williams were appointed said committee of conference on the part of this branch.

Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

*In Common Council, June 8, 1854.*

Read, and thereupon Messrs. Odin, J. A. Davis, Prince, Tilton and Atkins were appointed a committee of conference on the part of this Board.

ALEX. H. RICE, *President.*



## CITY OF BOSTON.

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The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of reporting Rules and Regulations for the House of Correction, have attended to their duty, and make the following

### R E P O R T :

That the Committee upon consulting the Overseers of said Institution, unanimously agree to the Rules and Regulations annexed, (except that part of them which under the head of General Regulations, page 8, grants permits to persons to visit the House of Correction,) and a majority of the Committee agree upon the same as reported,—all of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

JOHN ODIN.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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The minority of the Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of reporting Rules and Regulations for the House of Correction, dissent from that part of the annexed Rules and Regulations which limits the grant of permits, and your Committee offer the following, as a substitute for the clause of said Rules and Regulations, which under the head of General Regulations, page 8, limits the grant of permits.

### SUBSTITUTE.

No persons excepting the City Council and the Board of Overseers shall have a right to enter the premises of the Institution, without a permit from a member of the Board of Overseers, or from the County Commissioners.

Your Committee would suggest that as the County Commissioners of all the other counties exercise this right, there is no reason why the County Commissioners of Suffolk should not also exercise it. Unless they are allowed to grant permits, the Mayor can take no person, however distinguished he may be, to visit this Institution, without first searching for a member of the Board of Overseers and getting his permission; and to avoid such an absurdity, your Committee respectfully submit the abovementioned Substitute.

J. DUNHAM, JR.

For himself, and Aldermen WILLIAMS and MUNROE.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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## DUTIES OF THE MASTER.

The Master, under the direction of the Overseers, shall have the control and management of all who are employed in the House of Correction, as Watchmen, Superintendents, or in any the like capacity, and such officers shall be required to follow his directions, at all times, unless otherwise directed by the Overseers. He shall also have the entire management and control of the Convicts, subject to the Rules and Regulations legally established, and such directions as he may from time to time receive from the Overseers. It shall be the duty of the Master to give timely notice to the Overseers at the stated weekly meetings of all such articles as may be wanted for the uses of the Institution. He shall also, before any prisoner shall leave the Institution, see that they are suitably provided with clothing, and where pecuniary aid is thought proper, may appropriate, under the direction of one or more of the Board of Overseers, an amount not exceeding Five Dollars in each case.

The Master shall regularly make a weekly report to the Board of the number of committals and discharges of the past week, of the mode of employment of the inmates, stating the numbers of both sexes so employed, of goods received during the week for manufacture or use, of those who may be sick, with such remarks as may be suitable, and of the punishments that may have been inflicted during that time, or other occurrences of moment to the Institution. And he shall, at all times, make such further communications or returns as the Overseers may desire. The Master shall cause to be kept regular books, showing the quantity and amount of articles received at the Institution, for the supply of the wants of the

same; all materials to be wrought by the inmates, and the amount, kind and value of the work done by them, and also any moneys received for sales of produce or otherwise; these books to be at all times open to the examination of the Overseers. He shall have charge of all materials of labor, and shall give out the same in suitable quantities for supplying the convicts with work, and he shall appoint the kind and quantity of work required of each, subject to the direction of the Overseers. He shall countersign every bill for articles delivered at the House, for the purpose of showing that the same have been received.

The Watchmen, under the direction of the Master, shall keep watch during the night time, in such manner and for such periods as he shall determine; and shall, during the day time, perform such other duties as he shall require.

The Master shall have a system of rules, not inconsistent with the Rules and Regulations of the City Council, for conducting the prison, to be approved by the Overseers, and to be communicated to all the inmates in such manner as he or they may direct.

#### DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN.

It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to perform Divine service on each Lord's day, to visit the sick, instruct the convicts in their moral and religious duties, and to converse with each prisoner prior to their discharge, giving them such counsel and advice as may be serviceable to them—making a quarterly report to the Board of his doings and labors. He shall also report to the Board any special cases which may fall under his cognizance, for consideration, and do such other things in his said capacity, as the Overseers may require of him.

#### DUTIES OF THE CLERK OF THE OVERSEERS.

He shall be constantly present at the Office of the Overseers during all business hours which may be established by the Board, attend faithfully to the business of the same, be present at all meetings of the Board, keeping a fair and

correct record of all its doings. He shall also attend, when requested, all meetings of committees. He shall keep regular books of account, with an entry of all purchases and moneys paid out, and of all moneys received and paid over to the City Treasurer. Shall make record of such returns as he may be directed by the Overseers, and keep regular files of such papers as may be placed in his custody. He shall examine all bills and collect all moneys due to the Institution, examine accounts against Towns, under the direction of such committee as the Board may appoint, giving them immediate notice of their liabilities. He shall pay over immediately to the City Treasurer, as provided for in the Ordinance of the City, all moneys collected by him. He shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Overseers.

#### DUTIES OF THE PHYSICIAN.

It shall be the duty of the Physician to visit the House every day, and as much oftener as may be necessary, and to examine carefully into every case of sickness and inability to labor, and to prescribe such medicines and such course of diet as he may deem proper. It shall be his duty to furnish the Master from time to time a list of such medicines as may be wanted for the House, and to report to the Master any neglect or improper conduct on the part of the Nurses, or those in attendance, that may come to his knowledge. No critical surgical operation or amputation of a limb shall be performed, excepting in case of urgent necessity, requiring immediate action—without the sanction of the Overseers. He shall keep a journal of patients in the hospital, designating the time of entry of each, with the nature of the complaint and treatment, and the time of discharge or death. This journal shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Overseers. The sustenance and diet of those in the hospital shall be regulated by the Physician, whose requisitions shall be in writing, and shall in no case be given for a longer term than one week. He shall make a return, weekly, to the Overseers, of all cases which have come under his care.



## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

All bills, before payment, shall be approved by the Chairman, at a regular meeting of the Board, excepting in cases where purchases are made of persons residing out of the City, and immediate payment is necessary, when the bills may be approved by the Chairman and one other member of the Board.

The Overseers shall, as a Board, visit and examine the Institution in all its parts, at least once in a month, and a record shall be made of the doings of such visit, and the result of the examination.

The Master shall nominate such subordinate officers, assistants and clerks as may be found necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of Overseers, who shall fix their compensation, unless otherwise provided for by the Ordinances of the City.

No persons, excepting the City Council and the Board of Inspectors shall have a right to enter the premises of the Institution, without a permit from a member of the Board of Overseers.

The convicts, during the whole time when they are not taken out for work or other purposes, by order of the Master, shall be kept locked in their respective cells, in no case more than one being allowed to each cell, and while so shut up, shall preserve perfect silence, speaking to no one, except in cases of illness, in which case they shall be allowed to speak to the officer then in charge of the cells. They shall be taken out for work, on all days but Sundays or holidays specially excepted, at sunrise, and shall labor at the work assigned them until sunset, allowing a half-hour's respite for each meal, when they shall be reconducted to their cells, receiving their food at some convenient place as they go.

On Sundays, at the times of public worship, the prisoners shall be conducted to the chapel and seated in such manner as the Board of Overseers may direct. During the times when they are moving to and from the chapel, or at and from their workshops, entire silence and the most perfect order



and decorum shall be maintained, and the Master shall introduce such regulations as to the precise manner in which they shall proceed, on these occasions, as he shall find to be suited to preserve order and regularity. Their food, which must always be eaten in their cells, shall be as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Boiled Beef and Broth; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Boiled Beef and Soup; Sundays, Roast Beef.

The daily sustenance of the convicts not in Hospital nor in solitary confinement, shall consist of the following Rations, viz:

12 oz. Beef, 16 oz. Bread, 2 lbs. Indian Meal or Rice Pudding,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gills Molasses, 2 quarts Barley Coffee; for every 100 rations, 2 bushels Potatoes or 25 lbs. Rice, 2 quarts Vinegar, 4 quarts Salt, 2 oz. Black Pepper, 15 lbs. Indian Meal for Broth, 5 lbs. Flour or Rice for Soup.

If the above rations should not be sufficient, and if in the judgment of the Master, they merit more by their good conduct and conformity to the rules and regulations, he should provide extra rations for them. Said rations may be changed and altered at the direction of the Board of Overseers, or of a majority of said Overseers.

All the convicts shall have on clean clothes as often as once a week, and as much oftener as the Master shall direct. No spirituous liquors shall be allowed to be drank, nor shall any prisoner be allowed to have tobacco in any shape. No officer shall receive any perquisite, in any shape, in addition to the compensation fixed by the Overseers, and no trafficking shall be allowed between the officers and the convicts. There shall be allowed no trafficking among the convicts, and they shall not be allowed to receive any thing from without the House, or hold any intercourse with persons outside the House, without express permission from the Master or Overseers. When there shall be visitors present, no convict shall be allowed to address them without permission, except in answer to such questions as may be asked by the Judges of th

Board of Inspectors, or members of the City government, authorized to examine into the state of the establishment, and any one intruding upon visitors shall be liable to punishment. For every failure, or refusal to comply with the foregoing requirements, for any insolent or insubordinate behavior while at work, or at other times, for any neglect or refusal to obey the orders of the Master, or those having charge of the convicts by his direction, for gross or profane language towards the officers or each other, for defacing the cells or any of their furniture, or any part of the premises, and for any want of decent and proper deportment in the chapel, or in the presence of the Chaplain, the convicts shall be punished by being kept upon bread and water, in solitary confinement, for a time not exceeding ten days. And no convict shall be confined for a longer time than three days, without authority from the Overseers, in writing. And it shall be the duty of the Master to have any convict, in solitary confinement, visited by the Physician once a day during that confinement.

The Board of Overseers may adopt such rules and regulations for their government as are not inconsistent with the foregoing.

*City Document—No. 69.*

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE  
ON  
NEW LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*October 9, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*



## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*September 25th, 1854.*

The Special Committee of this Board, to which was referred the order in relation to the erection of a new Asylum for the Insane Poor, recommend the reference of the whole subject to a Joint Special Committee of the City Council.

For the Committee.

GEORGE ODIORNE, *Chairman.*

Accepted, and Aldermen Odiorne, Dunham and Williams were appointed said Committee on the part of this branch. Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

*In Common Council, September 28th, 1854.*

Concurred: and Messrs. Plummer, Drew, Jones, Conley, and Clark were joined.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*October 9th, 1854.*

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council, to which was referred the papers of last year in relation to a new Hospital for the Insane Poor, having duly considered the subject, would respectfully present the following

### REPORT:

This is a subject which was carefully examined by a Special Committee, appointed for that purpose by the last City Council; and as the circumstances and facts, in relation to it, are not substantially different from what they then were, the report of said Committee is appended hereto:—

That there is an imperative necessity for an increase of accommodations for the insane poor, beyond what are furnished by the Asylum at South Boston, is not only clearly shown by the report of the Committee referred to, but the fact is very evident to every visitor to that institution.

Believing that the present City Government are fully satisfied upon this point, your Committee will simply introduce, here, some extracts from the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors for 1853, together with an extract from the Report of Dr. Walker, the Superintendent, bearing upon the subject.



*Extract from the Report of the Board of Visitors to the  
Lunatic Hospital for 1853.*

“Since the first commitment of patients, in the year eighteen hundred and forty, to the present time, there have been about nine hundred patients committed; of these, nearly one-half have received the blessing of restored reason, and returned to the active duties of life, deeply thankful to the benevolent City of Boston for endowing such an institution, in which they, without money or price, could be placed, and therein receive that without which life is but a mere blank. As we have said in our two former reports, we now repeat, that favorable results in the treatment of this disease at our institution must be greatly retarded, whilst the building is suffered to remain in its present crowded state, particularly in the female department, where we have fifty-five more patients than this portion of the building designed for them was ever intended to accommodate. This condition has been the cause of a painful result, that of the friends of poor maniacs applying (in accordance with the law) for their commitment to the hospital for relief, and the Board of Visitors, for want of room, compelled to deny their petitions; while, could their application have been granted, we are satisfied the afflicted would, in many instances, have received all the benefits desired. Many of these thus denied have been sent to the House of Industry, and where, as now located at Deer Island, there are twenty without the necessary curative appliances to aid their restoration to reason.”

*Extract from the Report of Dr. Walker.*

“The subject of increased provision for this class of the poor has demanded and received so much attention from your Board and the City Government during the past year, that it calls for no discussion here. Although no further accommodations have yet been provided, still much has been done. The public mind has been awakened, and public opinion enlightened. Members of the City Government have personally investigated the matter, and are satisfied of the urgent reality of the want so often described, and have earnestly engaged in the good work. Better will it be, eventually, for the interests of the insane, that thoughtful investigation, intelligent conviction, and watchful prudence should be the precursors of action in so important a matter. Whatever is finally accomplished, will be done in a more faithful, considerate, generous, and permanent manner. In this view of the case, although nothing tangible has been effected, yet the results of the past year are not only encouraging but satisfactory.”

The question now is not “Shall anything be done to obviate this great and growing difficulty?” but “What shall be done?”

In making provisions for the accommodation and proper treatment of the insane poor, it is wise and economical to adopt those plans and systems of management which experience shows will most readily promote a radical cure. If our accommodations are unsuitable and our treatment of the patients injudicious, the natural result will be the continued support of a constantly increasing number, who shall only cease to be a City charge when death steps in to release them from their sufferings. On the other hand, if we adopt the more judicious system of management, and make

our accommodations such as the best system shall demand, we not only save the expense of the long continued support and care, but we speedily restore them to their friends, society, and an active and useful life.

Experience has shown that a Hospital of this kind should never be crowded. The patients should not be subject to the irritation consequent upon too close a contact one with the other. Ample room should be allowed for exercise. Occupation of a kind congenial to their feelings is a great promoter of healthful, mental and bodily action. Isolation from the busy scenes of life;—from what would tend to excite and disturb the mind, is deemed of essential importance. Natural scenery, open fields, cultivated lands, wild forests, and the running stream, with all those pleasing auxiliaries which nature lends to soothe and charm the mind, will ever exert a healthful influence upon the Insane.

Employment in the management and cultivation of the soil, while it would promote the general health of the patient, would also give a new direction to the thoughts, and prevent their dwelling upon those subjects which might originally have been the occasion of their insanity.

If your Committee are correct in the views thus far expressed, it is evident that the present location at South Boston is entirely unsuitable. There is not a sufficient extent of territory for even moderate exercise in the open air. The eye is there attracted only by the active scenes of life, and nothing is suggested to the mind by the sights and sounds which surround the patients, but what is calculated to prompt a desire to be free from the narrow limits and the restraints of that institution.

As a matter of economy, it would be well to dispose of all the City property in that vicinity, that it might be given up to the occupation of the mechanic and the merchant, and thus create within our City limits a large

amount of taxable property. The public sentiment seems to call for this, and your Committee are satisfied that no further expenditure should be allowed for the enlargement of this institution while it remains on its present location.

The citizens of Boston have ever, with prompt and untiring benevolence, extended a helping hand to the distressed and the unfortunate wherever and whenever a claim has been presented. Here the "bond of brotherhood" is recognized and acknowledged. The reputation and good character of our City abroad is probably more due to the extent and character of her public and private charities, than to any other consideration.

If our kindly impulses are brought into action by a knowledge of the distresses and calamities of those who are strangers to us, how much more should they be manifested towards those of our own citizens, who are alike unfortunate. Your Committee, therefore, feel that in dealing with this subject no narrow policy should be pursued, but that the City Council, while they are controlled by a proper economy, should yet exercise that liberality which seems due to the subject.

Your Committee herewith annex the correspondence had with the Hon. Charles Edward Cook, Chairman of the Board of Visitors, and Dr. Walker, Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital, and recommend the passage of the following order.

For the Committee,

GEORGE ODIORNE.

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*Ordered*, That the Joint Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the erection of a new Hospital for the Insane Poor, be, and they are hereby authorized to select and purchase such a lot of land as a site for an Insane Asylum as they may deem expedient.



## APPENDIX.

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Boston, September 25, 1854.

HON. CHARLES EDWARD COOK :

Dear Sir,—There exists an evident necessity for an increase of accommodations for the insane poor, beyond what are at present furnished in the Hospital at South Boston.

The City Council, being fully impressed with this fact, have appointed a Special Committee to consider and report upon the subject of the erection of a new Asylum, to be suitably located, and large enough to meet the probable prospective wants of the City, and which shall embrace all the improvements modern experience has sanctioned.

Knowing that all matters relating to the comfort, proper treatment and general welfare of the insane have largely occupied your time and attention, and that you have given to them much thought and reflection, I take the liberty, as Chairman of the Committee, to ask of you a full expression of your views and opinions upon this subject, that I may lay them before the City Council, that they may have the aid of your experience in the formation of a judgment which shall control their final action.

Your compliance with this request will much oblige,

Your friend and servant,

GEORGE ODIORNE,

*Chairman.*

Boston, September 25th, 1854.

My dear Sir,—In answer to your note of the 21st inst. I would say, that about a year since a Committee of the City Council, of which the late Mayor was Chairman, desired my opinion upon the same points embraced in your communication; the answer was printed in City Document No. 58, which I herewith enclose. My views as then expressed remain unchanged.

I will add, that as the Board of Visitors were led to believe that the location of the Hospital would not be changed, they, in making up their annual report last December, submitted a plan for the enlargement of the present edifice and grounds, which report I also enclose for your consideration.

By referring, sir, to the reports of the several Boards from the 1847 to the present, you will find that they urgently plead for enlarged accommodations for this unfortunate class of our fellow-beings, the poor insane of our city.

With great respect, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK.

GEORGE ODIORNE, Esq.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,  
Sept. 12, 1853.*

The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Mayor, as relates to a new Hospital for the Insane, have given the subject the anxious attention which its importance demands, and beg leave respectfully to

## REPORT :

That they consider the question of any enlargement of the present Hospital at South Boston as settled, for no more provision can be made there to increase the capacity of the buildings. Under these circumstances, the Committee have come to the conclusion, to adopt the recommendation suggested in the address of the Mayor, viz : that it is expedient, and indeed the imperative duty of the City Council to erect a new Hospital building, in some convenient and eligible situation, in the neighborhood of the City, with sufficient land to give active employment for such of the male patients as may be able to labor. The Committee are informed that the experience of every month and every week shows the most painful necessity for *immediate extensive additional* accommodations for the insane. In a single day there have been as many as seven cases of applications for admission into the Hospital, all of which were refused, for want of room. The State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester is full to overflowing, and the Trustees of that institution have lately been compelled to send back to us *ten* patients, who had been sent there by our City, and the Trustees intimated an intention of sending us *six* more. We are therefore deprived of any further resource in this way, and the Committee have reliable information that the new State Hospital at Taunton will be

filled with patients, as soon as it is completed. The growth of our City and the excitement of the period in which we live seem rapidly to increase the number of cases of insanity, and call upon us in the most *imperative* manner to provide all the remedial means in our power for its amelioration and cure.

Many most painful cases might be mentioned, which have been pressed upon our attention, which have been refused admission altogether; and there is no reason to expect any diminution of such cases in the future. If the City had adequate means and accommodations for the reception of proper subjects for treatment, many of our fellow creatures might be restored to their reason, and become useful citizens, and thus many families be rendered comparatively happy.

The Committee cannot but think that any unnecessary delay in the prosecution of the object, will be an act of cruelty to many deserving persons, and they are confident that any judicious measures which the City Council may adopt to supply the existing pressing want for additional accommodations for the insane, will meet the cordial approbation of the people of Boston.

The Committee would particularly refer to the accompanying letter from the Hon. Charles Edward Cook, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Lunatic Hospital in confirmation of their opinion.

In order to find some suitable site for a new Hospital a Sub-Committee was appointed to examine several lots of land which have been offered for this purpose,—that Committee will be ready to report in a few days, and it is recommended that the City Council visit the site which they may indicate when their report is presented.

For the Committee.

BENJAMIN SEAVER,

BOSTON, July 26, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR:

In answer to your note asking my "views and the facts" connected with the further accommodation for the insane to be cared for by our City, I would premise by saying that at the time of the erection of the present building at South Boston in 1839, there had not been sufficient development as to the effect of hospital treatment to remove the almost universal impression which then existed, that insanity was wholly an affection of the mind, curable only by Omnipotent power, therefore so far as human agency was concerned, requiring not much else than the custodial confinement in Jails, Houses of Correction and Alms Houses of those suffering under the severest affliction to which humanity is heir. With these sentiments in common with those of our fellow citizens elsewhere, our then City Council erected the present building in its limited form for the accommodation of one hundred patients; more I must believe, as an auxiliary to the other institutions contiguous to it; more to relieve them of the care of this class of inmates, than with a belief that means could be exercised for their care and restoration to health and usefulness. But thanks to that spirit of active benevolence, characteristic of our age, then springing up on this subject, the experiment has proved that insanity is an affection of the mind, in most cases caused by some departure from the organic laws to which our nature is subject, and is therefore as curable as any other disease, if proceeded with in its earliest stages, as exemplified in our large and well regulated hospitals. When we take into consideration the class of patients with which our institution at South Boston is filled, viz: those of whose past history and habits, little is known; besides what is procured from the officer through whose agency they were committed, our fellow citizens should feel encouraged to proceed in the good work thus begun by which so many poor and unfortunate beings have been relieved. From the first year of the occupation of this building (1840) to the present time there have been about eight hundred and fifty

patients admitted, of which nearly one half have received the blessing sought, and have been discharged fully restored and prepared for the duties of life, others of the two hundred and fifty remaining at the present time we hope may be recipients of the like blessing. During the existence of the institution the deaths have been about two hundred. Encouraged by these facts the City Government have from time to time, made the necessary provision for the enlarged usefulness of this noble charity by extending the capacity of the building until the limits of the ground upon which it stands deny any further progress; and the question must now arise, shall further action take place to meet the pressing wants of this part of our community, by the erection of another hospital in a location that will allow of all the improved appliances for the treatment of this disease; or is it best under all circumstances, to determine that the institution, as it now exists, shall so remain with the inevitable prospect of its soon becoming, what at the time of its erection it was supposed it might be, a mere auxiliary to the other institutions for those who could not be so well taken care of in their solitary cells and cages designed for criminals. The largest number which was intended to occupy the Hospital at the time of its enlargement was two hundred; it now has two hundred and fifty-one, and has had nearly that number since November, 1851, since which time no patient has been admitted otherwise than as vacancies occurred by the recovery or death of others; and this number has placed our hospital in so crowded a condition as to impair its means of usefulness very much; in addition to these remarks I would further remark that there is now at the House of Industry nine insane people, besides six others periodically so; and five at the House of Correction, eking out their existence in the cages and cells of those institutions as of old, being the only provision there to be made for them: I am also informed that others are similarly situated at the Jail and Deer Island. Upon inquiry of the Superintendent of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, Dr. Chandler, I find that there have been committed to that institution since January last from this

City, twenty-five, all of whom by the laws of this Commonwealth, may be returned to our House of Correction and Jail, whenever the trustees of that institution shall decide that relief by the removal of patients is necessary. I have said that our present number is two hundred and fifty-one, and with our circumscribed limits the patients are almost wholly deprived of out-door exercise, other than that enjoyed in the airing courts a few hundred feet square: this deprives the institution of the best remedial agencies known for the restoration of a diseased mind, and leads me to hope that the idea of those who have given the subject of the treatment of insanity much consideration, may be carried out by our City Government; viz: that of having a farm of fifty to one hundred acres attached to the hospital, whenever it may be changed from its present location.

I remain sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK.

To His Honor BENJAMIN SEAVER,

*Mayor of City of Boston.*

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STATE LUNATIC HOSPITAL,

*Worcester, Mass., Sept. 12, 1853.*

Hon. B. SEAVER, Mayor, Boston.

DEAR SIR—After receiving your letter in regard to sending more of our patients to your institutions at South Boston, our Trustees were consulted. They are fully impressed that this Hospital must be relieved of its crowded condition, and they still think that those patients they had ordered to the House of Correction in your County, should be sent there.

I am desired by our Trustees to state to you our crowded condition, having 550 patients, with less than 400 rooms for them, and our almost daily reception of patients committed by the Courts.

Most respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

GEORGE CHANDLER, *Sup't.*



BOSTON, October 5th, 1854.

Dr. C. A. WALKER,

*Sup't Lunatic Asylum, South Boston :*

Dear Sir,—A Special Committee of the City Council, has been appointed on the subject of the erection of a new Hospital for the Insane Poor.

You having had, for some length of time, the charge of the Lunatic Hospital at South Boston, must necessarily be acquainted with what is wanted in the construction, arrangement and general plans of such an institution, to make it subserve most fully the objects for which it is established.

You will therefore confer a favor upon the Committee if you will give them your views, in full, upon this subject.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE ODIORNE, *Chairman.*



BOSTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL, Oct. 14th, 1854.

GEORGE ODIORNE, Esq.,

*Chairman on Committee on New Lunatic Hospital.*

DEAR SIR: Your favor of October 5th is at hand. You therein request me to communicate my "views, in full, upon the construction, arrangement and general plan for a new Hospital for the Insane Poor, to make it subserve most fully the objects for which it is established."

The subject thus opened for discussion is a large one, and, had I the ability to grasp it, would require more time for its thorough investigation, than, I fear, I could find to bestow upon it for many days to come.

Subjoined, however, are a few suggestions upon those points that will claim attention as of primary importance in the erection of such a charity.

The following remarks are based upon the supposition that the present small, crowded, and illy-located building is to be abandoned, and a new, modern and more perfect structure erected in its stead.

Every Hospital for the Insane should be located in the country, at least two miles from any large town, and should be *easily accessible at all seasons*. If on the line of a Railroad, it should not be distant more than twenty or thirty minutes ride. It should be in a healthy situation, away from stagnant water or other miasmatic influences, and capable of easy and thorough drainage.

It should own a considerable tract of arable land (from thirty to one hundred acres,) for cultivation and pleasure grounds.

It should have an *unlimited* supply of good water, with the means of raising the same to the attics.

It should be as perfectly fire-proof as possible—no expense to ensure this being deemed extravagant.

It should be warmed by hot water or steam, and should be capable of the most complete ventilation, without resort to the windows.

If designed for two hundred patients or more, it should have from six to eight distinct wards for each sex—making twelve or sixteen in all.

It should have for each ward, besides the single rooms and a dormitory, (for ten or twelve persons,) a corridor, or Hall, sixteen feet in width, an attendant's room, a sitting-room, (for patients,) dining-room, dumb waiter, baggage room, bathing-room and water-closet.

Every apartment for the use of the patients should be entirely above ground, having a window communicating directly with the external atmosphere.

Every such apartment should be, at least, eight feet in width by ten in length, and twelve feet in height.

The apartments for the violent and filthy, if not connected with the main building for patients, should, at least, be similar, having all the necessities, conveniences and comforts of the other—being stronger in construction.

Every Hall or corridor should have, at each end thereof, a large window, for the unobstructed admission of light and air.

All the apartments for attendants should be large, commodious and pleasant.

The rooms for washing clothing, &c., should be in a building detached from the Hospital, unless the latter be built upon groined arches, and the whole of the basement be not needed for the purpose of heating the building.

A grove already grown on the land devoted to such a purpose, would be highly desirable.

The above, in all essential particulars, has the united approbation of those having charge of Hospitals for the Insane in America.

Should a new Hospital be erected, I would further suggest that it have ample accommodations for at least three hundred patients. Without question, Boston will have that number to provide for, and it is manifestly the part of wisdom to make ample provision for all.

You can yourself judge of the feasibility of altering or enlarging the present building to meet the above requirements.

In your frequent official visits here as a member of the

Board of Visitors, you have seen the disheartening difficulties under which we labor, for want of the means for suitable classification, as well as for more extensive accommodations. Without doubt, some now here, and probably forever to be a burden upon the public, would now be industrious, self-supporting citizens, but for this evil in our present organization.

In the provision and care for the Insane, a wise liberality is eminently true economy.

The minor details in the erection of such an institution, are best obtained by a careful and minute examination and comparison of similar institutions.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CLEMENT A. WALKER.



*City Document.—No. 70.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**JAIL LANDS.**

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CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Common Council, Oct. 5, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Public Lands be authorized to report in print upon the matters referred to them concerning the "Jail Lands."

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Oct. 9, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

*To the City Council of the City of Boston :*

By an order of the Common Council of February 16th, 1854, concurred in by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen February 20th, it was ordered that the papers concerning the Jail Lands be taken from the files of the last year, together with a communication from the Rev. John McElroy, (requesting the early attention of the present City Government to a petition sent by him to the last City Council,) and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

And that Committee ask leave to submit the following

R E P O R T .

They have investigated the whole subject with a view that ample justice may be done to all interested, and from their investigation, they believe the purchasers of each and every lot bought and built, with the understanding that the restrictions mentioned in the deed to each of them, were to be made in the deed of each and every lot sold, and each purchaser thought his property injured by any non-compliance with said restriction.

Notwithstanding the expectation and understanding of the purchasers, the restrictions were partially removed on certain express conditions, (for the means used for their removal, this Committee would refer to City Document No. 32 of 1853, and forbear further

comment upon them.) Suffice to say the conditions of removal have not been complied with; the condition particularly referred to, is the construction of a Sewer, which was to have been completed by the 25th of November, 1853.

The Committee have consulted with counsel learned in the law, and their answers confirm them in the opinion that the non-fulfilment of conditions leaves the restrictions in full force.

The Rev. Mr. McElroy appeared with counsel before the Committee, and was plainly told the ground taken by them. Since which your Committee have not heard from him or his counsel, although they had hoped some proposal would come from him which could be recommended to the City Council for their adoption.

Among the papers referred is a report signed by all the members of the Committee on Public Lands of the last year, in which it is stated the City virtually gave a pledge to the owners of estates in the vicinity of the land, that these conditions should be adhered to.

The present Committee are of the same opinion, deeming it a duty of the City Council to those owning the above named estates, to fulfil the pledge thus made.

They believe the erection of a building of any description other than those named in the restrictions would be a direct violation of contracts made in good faith.

The Committee also find two petitions under date of May 19th, 1853, one signed by John B. Fitzpatrick for himself and John McElroy, the other signed by Rufus Choate and others, both of which represent the proposed building as an ornament to the City.

In the petition signed by Mr. Choate, it is expressed that "all religious sects and all classes of the population of the City should have the means of religious

instruction." In these remarks the present Committee fully concur, but they cannot see the propriety of ornamenting the City, or giving religious instruction at the expense of a breach of contract, or an implicit pledge made by the City, in good faith, with other parties.

The petition of Bishop Fitzpatrick borders closely upon a threat, in the following language: "It has been suggested that a Catholic church will naturally gather around it an Irish population, and that the value of real estate in the vicinity will thus be impaired," and "if the petition is rejected it will tend directly to produce the very result, the indirect probability of which seems to be a source of so much apprehension."

The Committee, as before stated in this report, have acted with the purpose of doing justice to all parties interested, and they cannot but view this part of the communication of Bishop Fitzpatrick with regret, and in reply they would merely say, that they have yet to learn that any objection has been made to the erection of a house of worship or education by him, or Mr. McElroy, that would not have been made against the erection of a house of worship or education by any other religious denomination, or against a building for public use of any other description, and the Committee can easily conceive other reasons sufficient for those who own dwelling houses in the neighborhood to complain of without referring to the reasons above named, two of which we will state, viz: the frequent gathering together of a large concourse of people for any purpose in a quiet and still neighborhood, would be injurious and prejudicial to the value of property for residence, and the frequent ringing or tolling of bells would be annoying, and sufficient for an action at law, for damage where there was an obligation in substance, that no building should be erected except such as should be occupied for houses or stores.

In conclusion, the Committee would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and the adoption of the accompanying order.

J. V. C. SMITH,  
JOHN T. DINGLEY,  
WILLIAM WASHBURN,  
STEPHEN TILTON, JR.,  
THACHER BEAL,  
JAMES F. WHITTEMORE,  
LEVI BOLES.

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*Ordered*, That                      be a Committee to confer with the Rev. John McElroy and propose to him that upon his giving to the City a satisfactory deed of all the land bought by him, known as the Leveret Street Jail Land, he shall be repaid all the money he has paid for said land.





*City Document.—No. 71.*

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**CITY OF BOSTON.**

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**ADDITIONAL  
APPROPRIATIONS.**

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*In Common Council, October 12, 1854.*

The within Order having been read twice, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, with the accompanying papers.

Attest:

W. P. GREGG, *Clerk C. C.*



CITY OF BOSTON.

*Auditor's Office, Oct. 5, 1854.*

The Auditor of Accounts has the honor of informing the City Council that the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

ELISHA COPELAND, *Auditor.*

*In Common Council, Oct. 5, 1854.*

Referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent up for concurrence.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 9, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

*In Committee on Finance, Oct. 10, 1854.*

This Committee having duly considered the Auditor's communication of the 5th instant, respectfully report the enclosed statement from that officer, which will enlighten the Council as to the *manner* in which the original appropriation for Incidental Expenses has been disposed of. They also recommend to the Council the passage of the annexed order, authorizing an additional appropriation of \$12,000.

For the Committee,

J. V. C. SMITH, *Chairman.*

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*In Common Council, October, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the sum of *Twelve Thousand Dollars* be transferred from the Appropriation for the House of Industry, &c., &c., and added to the Appropriation for Incidental Expenses.

Account of items charged to Appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims, in the first six months of the financial year 1854-55.

*First of May to First of October inclusive.*

|                                                                                                                                                 |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Original Appropriation,                                                                                                                         | \$45,000 00       |
| Legal Expenses, viz.:                                                                                                                           |                   |
| Execution in favor of an individual who was injured by falling into a door-way, and incidental expenses of said case,                           | \$12,440 83       |
| Expenses in case of Brown vs. Homer; an important suit now pending in the U. S. Supreme Court, in which the City is the real party in interest, | 1,390 70          |
| Expenses relating to the revising of the City Charter,                                                                                          | 750 00            |
| Other Legal Expenses,                                                                                                                           | 398 70            |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <hr/> \$14,980 23 |
| Celebration of the Fourth of July,                                                                                                              | 9,454 56          |
| City Engineering Department,                                                                                                                    | 2,558 11          |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <hr/>             |
| Amount carried forward,                                                                                                                         | \$26,992 90       |

# 6      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.      [Oct.

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Amount brought forward,</i>             | \$26,992 90 |
| Support of Paupers in the State Lunatic    |             |
| Hospital at Worcester and elsewhere,       | 2,076 90    |
| Expenses of Committees,                    | 3,974 95    |
| Furniture for Public Offices in City Hall  |             |
| and City Building,                         | 3,046 57    |
| Expenses in the Fugitive Slave Case,       | 2,701 50    |
| Salaries of Truant Officers,               | 1,632 00    |
| Music on the Common,                       | 855 25      |
| Carriage Hire,                             | 746 50      |
| Care and Cleaning of City Hall and City    |             |
| Building,                                  | 510 03      |
| Salaries of Secretaries to Committees, and |             |
| of the City Crier,                         | 400 00      |
| Fuel and Light for City Hall and City      |             |
| Building,                                  | 911 12      |
| Armories and Amunition,                    | 269 07      |
| Militia Rolls and School Returns,          | 238 00      |
| Taxes Refunded,                            | 196 50      |
| Expenses of Solicitor's Office,            | 150 11      |
| Expenses on account of Mad Dog Excite-     |             |
| ment,                                      | 125 03      |
| Books, Postages, Election Expenses and     |             |
| other small items,                         | 500 60      |
|                                            | <hr/>       |
|                                            | \$45,327 03 |



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CITY OF BOSTON.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS OF PURCHASE AND SIGNING THE  
CONTRACT FOR THE BUILDING OF A

GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE AT EAST BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

*October 16, 1854.*

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest:        S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Sept. 25, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That Aldermen Williams and Drake, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to Investigate and Report upon the subject of the purchase of the Land, and the signing of the contract for the building of a Grammar School House at East Boston.

Sent down for concurrence.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

*In Common Council, Sept. 28, 1854.*

Concurred; and Messrs. Atkins, Drew and Woodman were appointed on the part of this Board.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President.*

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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The Joint Special Committee appointed by an order of the City Council, which passed the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Sept. 25, concurred in by the Common Council Sept. 28, "to Investigate and Report upon the subject of the purchase of the land, and signing the contract for the building of a Grammar School House at East Boston," have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following

### R E P O R T :

The subject naturally divides itself into two parts, viz : the purchase of the land, and the signing of the contract. We propose to give a simple narrative of the facts in both cases. First, as to the purchase of the land. On the 4th of May, 1854, an order passed the Common Council, and was subsequently concurred in by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, as follows :

*Ordered*, "That the Committee on Public Buildings *in conference* with the Committee on Public Instruction, and the Grammar School Committee be, and they *are hereby authorized* to purchase a suitable lot of land in the first Section at East Boston, and erect thereon a building adapted to the accommodation of not less than seven hundred pupils, at a cost not exceeding Forty-Five Thousand Dollars, to be charged to the Appropriation

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for Grammar Schools." By this order it will be seen that the *authority* to purchase the land is fully vested in the Committee on Public Buildings, and that an *advisory power only* is conferred on the Committee on Public Instruction, and the Grammar School Committee. At a meeting of the Committee on Public Instruction, held May 18, 1854, Messrs. Dunham and Woodman were appointed a *Sub-Committee* to confer with the Committee on Public Buildings, pursuant to the terms of the order. A conference was held, and the *Sub-Committee* concurred in the action of the Committee on Public Buildings in relation to the lot of land subsequently purchased by them. Much excitement existed in East Boston in relation to the site for the new School House. Proposals were submitted to the Committee for a large number of lots of land, each of which had its friends, who pressed it upon the attention of the Committee. Many petitions were presented for favorite lots, and remonstrances against the same followed, adding greatly to the embarrassment of the Committee. After a protracted and patient investigation of the subject, the Committee at a full meeting, passed the following vote:

On motion of Mr. Conley it was *Voted* "That the lot of land in East Boston known as the Crawley lot be accepted as the lot for the building of the new School House, and on motion of Mr. Goodwin, it was *Voted* that the Committee now appointed, cause to be made all the required papers for the purchase of the 'Crawley lot' of land, in East Boston."

It is proper to state that the Committee were not united in their action on the subject. Some of them doubted the wisdom of the purchase of the lot in question, but as a majority of the Committee assumed the responsibility conferred upon them by the action of the City Council, we are unable to see that

they violated or exceeded the limit of the power under which they acted.

We pass now to the second branch of the subject, viz: the signing of the contract. Much dissatisfaction was evinced in various quarters, at the purchase of the "*Crawley Lot*," it was thought that the *Committee* had selected an ineligible site, and a determination was expressed to remedy the difficulty before anything was done towards erecting a building, by selling the land, and purchasing a more suitable location; accordingly an order was offered in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, July 21, 1854, and passed August 7, 1854, as follows:

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to sell the lot of land recently purchased in East Boston for the purpose of erecting a Grammar School House thereon, *provided*, it can be done without loss to the City, the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the purchase of another lot of land for the same purpose.

The Common Council was then taking its annual recess, and was not to come together until September 28, 1854, and it was presumed that no action would be taken towards erecting a building on the lot purchased until the Council had passed upon the order relative to the sale of the land. The Committee on Public Buildings did not, however, concur in this view of the subject. On the 15th of August, *only eight days* after an order had passed one *branch* of the City Council to sell the lot in question, a meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings was held, at which all the members of the Committee were present but Messrs. Dingley and Warren, and it was *Voted*, [two plans of a School House having been submitted to the Committee,] "That the plans submitted similar to the Bigelow School be *accepted* as the plan for building the Grammar School House at East Boston."



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At a subsequent meeting of the *Committee*, held August 22, 1854, absent Alderman Washburn, Messrs. Bryant and Warren, on motion of Alderman Allen, it was *Voted*, "That the Superintendent be directed *to advertise for proposals* for the building of the Grammar School House in East Boston until Thursday, August 31, at noon."

At an adjourned meeting of the *Committee*, held August 31, 1854, [the subject of the sale of the lot *still waiting the action* of the Common Council,] absent Alderman Washburn and Mr. Conley, on motion of Mr. Goodwin it was *Voted*, "That the proposals for building the Grammar School House in East Boston be opened." This being done, on motion of Mr. Goodwin it was *Voted*, "That the proposals of Gideon Currier for the masons' work on the new Grammar School House to be erected at East Boston, *be accepted*; also, that Mr. Edwin Bailey's proposal for carpenters' work *be accepted*, provided the Sub-Committee are satisfied that they are competent and responsible men with whom to contract."

The absent members of the Committees should not be held responsible for this action. And of those who were present the records do not state who voted for or against the motion. The acting Chairman, Alderman Dingley, states to the Committee that he was not aware until some days after the meeting was held that any proposals were *accepted*. He understood that they were laid upon the table.

The Sub-Committee *were* satisfied, and the contracts were signed Sept. 5, 1854.

The work on the building has been commenced, and is still progressing. The Committee have already exceeded their appropriation for the East Boston School House, and have asked for a further sum of money from the Council after their contracts have been made, contrary to the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council, which



provide, page 95, Municipal Register, Sec. 8: "In all contracts or expenditures to be made under the authority of the City Council, whenever the estimates shall exceed the appropriations specially made therefor, or whenever any Committee shall have expended the sum specially appropriated for their use, in the order of appropriation for the year, and in either case shall require a further sum, it shall be the duty of such Committee having such matter in charge, to submit the fact to the City Council for instructions, accompanied with a detailed statement of the cause or causes which have created the necessity for such application, and the object for which the same is needed. *And no contract shall be made, or expenditure authorized in either case, unless by a specific vote of the City Council first making the necessary provision for the payment resulting therefrom, and no debt shall be created, or transfer from one specific appropriation to another be made, until such report or statement shall have been submitted to the City Council, by the Committee requiring the same.*"

We have not deemed it our province to comment upon the singular action of the Committee on Public Buildings. We submit the facts to the consideration of the City Council, as compiled from the records of the Committee, and from the oral testimony of some of its members. We have no action to recommend in view of these facts, but are content to abide the judgment of the Council. After this full presentation of the subject we ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS,  
TISDALE DRAKE,  
EBENEZER ATKINS,  
JOSEPH L. DREW,  
C. T. WOODMAN.

October 16, 1854.



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## CITY OF BOSTON.



HOUSE OFFAL.

*In the Board of Mayor and Aldermen,*

October 19, 1854.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, JR., *City Clerk.*

BOSTON, August 28, 1854.

*To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City  
of Boston, being the Board of Health of that City:*

The undersigned citizens of Boston, and keepers of the undernamed Hotels, respectfully represent that they, and the inmates of their houses, at present suffer very considerable inconvenience from the manner in which the offal and swill from their establishments are removed by the City carts,—making some of the boarders sick, and all of them offended by offensive smells. And, to remedy this inconvenience, and also to avail themselves lawfully of the proceeds of their own property, (from three to five hundred dollars a year,) they respectfully ask permission to remove in their own carts and vehicles, (to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to be done at such hours and in such manner as he shall approve and direct,) all the offal, swill, and such refuse of their kitchens as should be removed, and they respectfully petition for an opportunity to be heard before the Board on this interesting subject. It is a subject of great importance to each of us, and we are confident that this business can be done in a safe, clean, and in-offensive manner by us, perfectly consistent with the public safety, and without the least detriment to public health, or private interests.

Lewis Rice, *American House*,  
Seldon Crockett, *Bromfield House*,  
P. Stevens, *Revere and Tremont*,

Daniel Chamberlin, *Adams House*,  
J. H. Silsby, *Winthrop House*,  
William H. Spooner, *United States Hotel*,  
John A. Parks, *Marlboro' Hotel*,  
Darius Harvey, *Pavilion Hotel*,  
Alanson Long, *Quincy House*,  
Gage & Tucker, *City Hotel*,  
Weston Merritt, *Wildes' Hotel*,  
J. Samson & Co., *Franklin House*,  
L. Maynard, *New England House*.

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## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*City of Boston, Oct. 19, 1854.*

The Committee on Internal Health, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Rice and other hotel keepers in the City of Boston, respecting the mode of removing House Offal, upon which the petitioners have had a public hearing before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, have duly considered the subject, and respectfully beg leave to

## R E P O R T :

The Committee are fully aware of the importance of the subject, and the extent to which it affects the interests of the housekeepers, and particularly the proprietors of hotels in the City. Mr. Rice testified before the Board that he could dispose of the swill at the American House for about five hundred dollars a year, and could have it removed in a manner as little offensive as at present. Colonel Spooner estimated the value of the offal at the United States Hotel at three hundred dollars a year. Colonel Crocket had been offered two hundred dollars a year for the offal at the Bromfield House. He stated that the City carts in which the offal was now collected, smelt offensively. Mr. Silsby said that the offal at the Winthrop House was worth to him three hundred dollars a year. Mr. Chamberlin stated that the offal at the Adams and Franklin Houses was worth to him five hundred dollars



a year. Mr. Long testified that the value of the swill at the Quincy House was three hundred dollars a year. Mr. Harvey said that the swill at the Pavilion was worth one hundred dollars a year to him.

It is apparent, therefore, that the present system of collecting house offal, or swill, in the City carts, under the existing contract with Nahum Ward causes a pecuniary loss to those proprietors of extensive establishments, who are thereby prevented from selling their offal to customers of their own selection. In Ward Two an individual has offered to collect all the offal at his own expense, and under the direction of the Superintendent of Internal Health. And the Committee fully agree with the petitioners, that if the City were not bound by their contract, a system might be devised by which the offal of the City could be removed, under the direction of the Superintendent of Internal Health, in a manner no more offensive, and perhaps less so than at present, by parties who would collect the offal at their own expense, and in many instances, as in the case of hotels, would be willing to pay what it was worth to the proprietors. The Committee cannot understand why this has not been heretofore done. And they would cheerfully recommend the adoption of such a system, if they were not bound by the contract executed in 1853 with Mr. Ward. It now costs the City about \$11,500 a year, merely to collect the house offal, and they receive from Mr. Ward only \$8,500 a year, leaving a loss to the City for this department of business of \$3,000 a year, to say nothing of the injury done to those who might otherwise dispose of their offal at considerable prices.

The difficulty of adopting a new system arises from the contract executed March 24, 1853, during the mayoralty of Mr. Seaver, with Nahum Ward, which

contract is to remain in force for five years from the 14th day of November in the same year. By that contract the City are bound for the sum of \$8,500 per annum, to be paid by Mr. Ward, to deliver to him all the house offal which shall be collected by the City carts in the said City; and also, on reasonable notice from him, to take all reasonable measures, by prosecutions under the ordinances of the said City and the laws of the Commonwealth, to prevent the said house offal from being collected and disposed of by any other persons than those acting under the order of the City Authorities.

Now the Committee are ready to admit that this contract, which was a renewal of a previous contract with the same party was an injudicious one on the part of the City, and one productive of much hardship to individuals; but, at the same time, it cannot be denied that it is entirely legal. The Supreme Court of this Commonwealth have decided, in the case of Vandine, (6 Pickering's Report, 187,) that a by-law of the City of Boston, prohibiting any person not duly licensed therefor by the Mayor and Aldermen, from removing the house-dirt and offal from the City, was a valid by-law. And if the contract is a legal one, it is binding upon the City, and the City would be liable to an action for damages in case they should violate it. By the petitioners' own showing, the offal is very valuable to the contractor, and a violation of the contract on the part of the City, would subject them to damages to a considerable amount.

The Committee think that it would have been the proper time last year, before the renewal of Mr. Ward's contract for another five years had been signed, for these petitioners to interfere and endeavor to prevent its execution. Their remonstrances and representations would

undoubtedly have had great weight with the then existing City Government, and as the City were then free to adopt such a system as should appear most advisable, the petitioners could undoubtedly, by their timely interference, have prevented the renewal of this document, which now ties up our hands for four years to come. And as they rested quiet when the City was at liberty to act, they cannot now expect the City to violate a contract so recently made, and having so long a time to run, with the prospect of thereby incurring a heavy pecuniary penalty.

The Committee, therefore, while they fully agree with the petitioners in principle, while they think the contract ought not to have been made, and are sensible that it works a hardship in preventing individuals from disposing of their own property, do not think they ought to take the responsibility of the consequences which must follow a violation of the contract with Mr. Ward. They are therefore compelled to recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

For the Committee,

JOSIAH DUNHAM, JR., *Chairman.*



*City Document.—No. 74.*

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THE  
R E P O R T  
OF THE  
ANNUAL EXAMINATION  
OF THE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.  
1854.



BOSTON:  
1854.  
J. H. EASTBURN, CITY PRINTER.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

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*In School Committee, February 24, 1854.*

Messrs. Russell, Skinner, Norcross, Simpson, Sykes, Fuller, Haskins, Parks, and Drake, were appointed a Committee to make the Annual Examinations of all the Grammar Schools under the charge of this Board for the present year.

Attest :                      BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

*In School Committee, November 7, 1854.*

*Voted*, That the Committee on the Annual Examinations be authorized to report in print.

Attest :                      BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

*In School Committee, November 14, 1854.*

Dr. Russell, Chairman of the Committee to make the Annual Examinations, presented the Report of said Committee, which was accepted ; and, thereupon, it was

*Ordered*, That the usual number—twelve thousand copies—be printed for distribution.

Attest :                      BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*



# REPORT.

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In undertaking the task of the Annual Examination of the Public Schools, your Committee have felt that they had no light or inconsiderable duty to perform. The immense importance of the cause of education, and the large influence which our common schools exert upon the public welfare have long been recognized in this community, and the responsibility resting upon those to whom the care of these institutions is committed, is fully appreciated by this Board.

The readiness with which the most liberal appropriations are made for the support of these schools, and the interest and pride taken in their success, are among the most encouraging signs of the times. It is undoubtedly true that, of all subjects that engage the public attention, no one has a more direct bearing upon the most important interests of the people, than the establishment and maintenance among them of good institutions for instruction. In this country, in particular, the theory of our government and the whole constitution of society demand, more than in any other, the most ample provisions for public education. And it is to the general recognition of this truth, and to the institutions that have sprung from it, that we owe, in a very great degree, whatever superiority we may possess as a community.

If it be allowed that, in facilities for the cultivation of the higher and more abstruse branches of learning, we

are still inferior to other and older countries, that our universities and colleges cannot be compared with similar establishments abroad, which unquestionably afford vastly superior advantages to the small class of persons who can devote their lives to the pursuits of literature and science, we can claim, with truth, that we are surpassed by none in the number and excellence of those institutions which have for their object to cultivate the general intelligence and to diffuse useful knowledge among all classes of the people. It is our superiority in these respects which is the conservative element of our society, securing us from the dangers to which our form of government might expose us, and giving us confidence in the strength and stability of our social organization.

The City of Boston has for a long time enjoyed a high reputation for the excellence of her public schools. We believe this reputation to be, on the whole, well deserved. Our schools are, in general, well conducted, under the charge of able and accomplished teachers, and their interests are carefully watched over by the city government. Most of the changes which have been made, from year to year, by this Board, have been attended with beneficial results.

New and improved school houses have been erected ; by the abolishing of some schools and the enlargement of others greater facilities of classification have been obtained ; more care has been exercised in the selection of masters and assistants ; and by the recent increase in the rate of compensation for teachers, better opportunities are afforded for obtaining the services of the best qualified persons. These and other improvements, recommended by experience, and introduced after careful consideration, have done much to raise the standard of instruction in our schools, and to render them worthy of the continued confidence and support of the community.

It is not to be supposed, however, that our school system has attained the perfection at which we should aim, and it does not become us to boast of our success or to rest satisfied with what we have already accomplished, while there are still many deficiencies to be supplied, many errors to be corrected, and many improvements to be made, before we can be entitled to say that we have done our whole duty towards our schools. The increasing wants and demands of the times require the exercise of unceasing vigilance and care in the management of these institutions. Some of the deficiencies to which we allude may be easily corrected. Of others it must be left to time and a more enlarged experience to discover and apply the remedy.

It is only by slow degrees that the true methods for the advancement of any art or science are perfected. Many steps in the wrong direction must be retraced, many false theories exploded, and many imperfect systems overthrown before the truth is finally discovered. The science of education is no exception to the general rule. The principles which should direct it, though plain and simple when once perceived, have been with difficulty recognized, and some of the most important of them are, as yet, perhaps, but imperfectly understood, or if understood not practically applied.

The great principles are even now too frequently overlooked, that every true system of education must, as far as possible, correspond with and assist in the natural course of the development of the mental faculties, and that the cultivation of the intellect and all the higher powers of the mind must be an intelligent process. Our methods are apt to be too mechanical, and not sufficiently addressed to the understanding and the reasoning powers of the learner. They proceed too

often upon the ground that the pupil is a machine, from which a certain amount of work is to be expected, rather than a being endowed with reason and intelligence, to be carefully trained and educated according to the laws of his nature. On this account his progress becomes tedious and difficult, and he loses the benefit to be derived from the high enjoyment which is the natural attendant upon intellectual activity, when directed to its appropriate channels.

To the young, the first steps in the acquisition of knowledge and the exercise of the intellectual powers are evidently attended with the greatest satisfaction and delight. It too often happens, however, that those occupations which should continue to give intense pleasure, become in the school room a mere drudgery and a task. It must be owing to some great error in our views and practice on this subject, that such a perversion of the natural instincts should have become almost the rule rather than the exception.

If it were possible to introduce into all our schools the correct methods of education, so that the various elements of knowledge might be presented to the mind of the pupil in their true and natural order, and with due regard to their adaptation to the development of his faculties, the actual amount of knowledge acquired, as well as the beneficial effects of the process of acquisition upon the intellect and character, would be greatly augmented. A new interest in their pursuits would be awakened among the pupils, their understanding of the principles of the subjects studied would be facilitated, the memory quickened, the faculty of attention strengthened, and the general powers of thought called into action. A keen and vivid enjoyment would take the place of that listless inactivity of mind which is too often ob-

served, and which is, of all others, the most discouraging and hopeless hindrance to intellectual progress.

That an approach to this state of things is possible, is evident from the success which has attended the efforts of those teachers who have best appreciated these principles. They have known how to make study attractive as well as profitable to their pupils, so that the hours devoted to school are looked forward to with pleasure, and employed with satisfaction and advantage. Education, with them, implies something more than the mere study of books, the mechanical performance of certain tasks, and the committing of pages to memory. It extends to the cultivation of all the powers of the intellect, the improvement of the taste, the guidance of the imagination, and the elevation and refinement of the whole character.

#### EXAMINATION.

The Annual Examination was held during the two weeks preceding the vacation at the end of May. It has been usually deferred to the latter part of June or July, at which time the schools are preparing for the annual exhibitions and for the medal examinations. In order not to interfere with these preparations, and to avoid the excessive heat of the summer months, it was thought best this year, to examine the schools at an earlier period. This arrangement was found more convenient than the usual course, both to teachers and pupils, and it had also the advantage of enabling the Committee to observe the schools in their usual condition, and as they are ordinarily conducted, without any special previous preparation for examination.

The examination was as thorough as the time allowed to each school would permit, and though it was



not possible to examine "all the classes in all the studies," as prescribed by the Regulations, it is believed that the Committee have been able to form a sufficiently accurate estimate of the comparative merits of the schools, and of their general condition.

Every school was examined by as many of the members of the Annual Examining Committee as could conveniently attend, with the aid, in most instances, of some other members of the Board, and of the Superintendent of Schools. A critical examination was made by the Chairman, of the first class in each school, in all the more important studies, and every room in each school was visited by him personally, and its condition observed.

Your Committee have endeavored to conduct the examination in such a way as to obtain a knowledge, not merely of the amount of instruction actually imparted to the pupils, but, what is of far more consequence, of the methods of teaching adopted, the kind of mental and moral discipline employed, and the general influence exerted by the teachers in each school.

The subjects proposed embraced all the studies prescribed by the Regulations, from spelling, reading and the first operations in arithmetic, to those requiring a higher degree of cultivation and more maturity of thought. The first classes, as well as the younger, besides the usual examination in the higher studies, were carefully examined also in the elementary branches, your Committee considering it a well established principle that a thorough and accurate acquaintance with these is an essential requisite to a good education. It has been supposed by some, that an attention to the higher studies is apt to lead to neglect of the elementary branches. This, however, is not found to be the case in our schools. On the contrary, it has been almost universally observed, that those teachers who have best



known how to educate the minds of their pupils to the successful pursuit of the higher branches of study, have, at the same time, best understood the importance of accurate instruction in the earlier studies, and an intelligent acquaintance with the first principles of knowledge.

On the whole, your Committee find much reason for encouragement in the result of the examination, and they believe that the condition of the schools will compare favorably with that of previous years. We have fewer inferior or indifferent schools; some of those which were formerly deficient have improved; while our best schools continue to maintain a high rank, and to afford means of education such as are enjoyed, probably, at few institutions of a similar kind in the country. The general good discipline in these schools, the amount and accuracy of the instruction given, the interest manifested by the pupils, and the high qualifications of the teachers, are among the most gratifying evidences of the success of our system of public instruction.

It is satisfactory to observe that these advantages are more and more appreciated by the community, and that many of the more intelligent class of parents, some of whom have heretofore hesitated to send their children to the public schools, are beginning to avail themselves of the opportunities offered in them.

It is on all accounts desirable that those whose home advantages and education would enable them to exert a salutary influence on their fellow pupils, should attend the public schools, while the wholesome experience which such schools afford, will not be without its value to themselves, in promoting a spirit of self-reliance, and enlarging their acquaintance with the actual world.

The vigilance with which these schools are watched over by the community, and the careful supervision exercised by this Board, make it unlikely that any great abuses, if such should occur, should long continue to exist in them, and if cause of complaint is at any time found by any citizen, the remedy is at hand in an appeal to the Sub-Committees, who are always ready and anxious to examine into and remove all just grounds of dissatisfaction.

In regard to the character of the instruction given at the public schools, experience, we believe, has fully demonstrated, that pupils educated in them are at least as thoroughly instructed, in all the more important elementary branches of study, as those taught in the best private schools.

We have referred to certain schools as inferior to others in point of merit, and we are reluctantly obliged to admit that, notwithstanding all the care and attention bestowed upon our schools, we have still some which fall below the standard which might be attained, and the excellence which we have a right to expect and demand. The inequality of merit in our different schools, and even in different classes of the same school, is a matter of daily observation, and it is important that its causes should be understood. If we could discover the reasons why some of our schools have attained to a high degree of excellence, while others are deficient in many important particulars, we might perhaps be able to remedy some of the defects of the latter, and to raise the standard of all.

The varying material of which the different schools are composed, and the unequal home advantages enjoyed by the pupils, are no doubt among the causes of the inequality referred to. The greater conveniences,

and superior advantages for classification and arrangement, of some school buildings, may also have an influence. But, in the last result, it will be found that it is the ability, industry and fidelity of the teachers, which, more than all other causes combined, determine the character of a school.

That this is the case is evident from a comparison of schools having equal advantages in all other respects, as well as by comparing the different classes, in those schools where each teacher has a separate room. In some rooms we find good order, industry, a love of study, and a marked proficiency in the pupils, which are not observed in the departments under the care of other instructors. It is upon the master chiefly that the responsibility of the government and direction of a school must rest. His influence should pervade every department, and the success or failure of the whole depends in a great degree upon his character and qualifications. The master, however, must depend much on the efficient aid and co-operation of his assistant teachers, and in the selection of these, as well as in every other arrangement of the school, his responsibility is shared by the Sub-Committees, and through them by every member of this Board.

Since the character of the schools is so intimately dependent upon that of the teachers, it is evident that the selection and appointment of suitable instructors is the most important office of this Board, and one to which all its other duties are subordinate. It should be especially careful to employ those teachers, and those only, who by their interest in the pursuit, their thorough education and their general fitness for the duties of the station, show themselves worthy to be entrusted with the charge of our schools.

In the selection both of masters and assistants, no

other motive should influence the members of this Board, than the desire to obtain the services of the best qualified persons. Motives of personal feeling or kindness towards individuals, should never, in any case, be brought into competition with our regard for the highest interests of the schools. It is a mistaken philanthropy to allow teachers to remain in the service, who, from loss of interest in the profession, the neglect of it for other pursuits or business, or from any other causes, have become disqualified for the proper performance of their duties. The removal of an incompetent teacher affects one individual only, but the evil consequences of retaining such an one in the schools fall upon a large number of persons, and the injury done is irreparable. We would, however, advocate a proper liberality towards those teachers who, after long and faithful public service, are compelled by sickness or infirmity to retire from our schools. They deserve our respect and gratitude, and we shall be held responsible by the community, in whose name we act, for a just and considerate course of conduct towards them.

The selection of the large number of teachers required for the wants of this City, is a duty demanding the exercise of much judgment and discretion, and it is possible that some changes might be made in the manner of their appointment, which would secure a greater degree of certainty in the result. Some means should be devised by which the Board may be enabled to become more fully acquainted with the character and qualifications of all the various instructors, than they can be under the present system. The nomination of subordinate teachers may safely be left in the hands of the Sub-Committees, subject to the confirmation of the Board. But the annual election of



masters, the most important duty which we are called upon to perform, too often takes place without sufficient previous deliberation and consultation, and without adequate opportunities being afforded to members, of forming a correct opinion in regard to the merits of candidates. It is evident to your Committee that some change is needed in our regulations and in our practice in this respect, but the particular methods by which the desired result is to be obtained, they would leave to be determined by the future action of this Board.

The importance of employing able and efficient assistant teachers is not perhaps sufficiently recognized. Their influence begins at a time when the minds of the pupils are most susceptible of bias, and continues long enough to make a deep and permanent impression upon the character. The large number of assistants now required in our schools, makes it often a matter of difficulty to obtain such as are competent to fill the vacancies which are constantly occurring. Your Committee take pleasure in referring to the success of the City Normal School in supplying this want, and they would recommend to those masters and Sub-Committees who are in need of teachers as substitutes, or to fill vacancies, to take advantage of the opportunities which it offers. It will be seen by the report of the Sub-Committee of that School, that a considerable number of its pupils have already been appointed to permanent places as teachers, and it is not too much to say that those who have received such appointments, have approved themselves to be at least as competent and efficient as any assistants employed in our schools. Some of them have been promoted, after a short probation, to the post of Head Assistant, with the full approbation and consent of the masters and Sub-Committees of their respective schools.

In these suggestions your Committee would not be understood as intending to imply any want of confidence in our present able corps of instructors. They are industrious and faithful public servants, laboring patiently, day after day, in a vocation which more than any other is destined to affect the well being of the community. They deserve to be sustained and encouraged in all their efforts to improve the character and increase the usefulness of the schools under their charge. The large proportion of them, we are confident, appreciate the responsibility of their position, and apply themselves cheerfully and conscientiously to the performance of its duties.

There are, perhaps, a few among them who need to be reminded of the important nature of their profession, and of the necessity of devoting themselves to it with renewed life and energy. They allow themselves to fall into a habit of looking upon their occupation as a mere routine in which they take but little interest, and which they regard as only an interruption of their other pursuits. They forget that a good instructor has always something to learn as well as to teach. Every teacher must be also a student. He must keep his own mind and intellect alive and active, if he would excite the interest and enthusiasm of his pupils.

Perhaps the inequalities above noticed, in the different schools, may be traced to the different course pursued by teachers in this respect, more than to any other cause. Those who regard their duties as limited to the mere routine of the school room, and requiring but little habitual exertion on their part, and no continued effort at self-improvement, soon lose their own interest in their pursuit, and fail to produce any beneficial influence on their pupils. Other teachers are constantly aiming to improve themselves as well as



their pupils by reading and study on subjects connected with the daily lessons, as well as on others of a more general character, and by a sincere and zealous effort to do every thing in their power to promote the interests of their schools. The good effect of their exertions is at once apparent in the increased intelligence and mental activity of their pupils. No teacher can keep himself fully prepared for his duties without much study and thought, as well as a true and sincere interest in his work.

The studies pursued even at our Grammar Schools, cover so large a ground, that the labor of years would be insufficient for a full acquaintance with all that is to be known in regard to them, and the branches connected with them. We do not, indeed, expect that the pupils will acquire more than the first rudiments of some of these, but in order to understand them thoroughly himself, and to be able to explain their principles, it is necessary that the instructor should be far in advance of his pupils, and able to take a comprehensive view of each subject studied, as a whole, as well as in its details.

The masters of our schools have an important and arduous duty to perform, and one involving a large amount of responsibility. The duties of the assistant teachers are equally important in their place, and demand the same degree of interest in their work, and of careful preparation for it, if they would maintain their rank in the estimation of those to whom the charge of the schools is committed. It must be, at the same time, an encouragement and a stimulus to both masters and assistants to reflect that the progress of their pupils is watched with anxiety by many parents and friends,—that the whole community is interested in

the result of their labors, and is ready to award to them the full measure of respect and consideration which is sure to follow a conscientious and successful performance of duty.

**TEXT-BOOKS.**—Next perhaps in importance to the subject of the appointment of teachers, is the selection of suitable text-books for the use of the pupils. It is true that good teachers will produce good results even with inferior means, and that no teacher ought to be dependent upon the text-books, but it is no less true that well-written and thorough text-books are almost essential to complete success in teaching. The various explanations and suggestions from the teacher, required even with the use of the best manuals, necessarily occupy much of his time, and he cannot afford to have so large a portion of it expended, as too often happens, in supplying the deficiencies of inadequate books.

Your Committee would suggest that more care is necessary than has hitherto been taken, to exclude unsuitable books, and to secure the introduction of those only of the best character in each branch of study. It has too often happened that books of at least very doubtful merit have been introduced into our schools, by the perhaps well intentioned efforts of authors and publishers, without a sufficient examination. Instances have occurred in the history of this Board, of the adoption of books, without due consideration of the consequences of precipitate action on this subject.

No book ought to be adopted without a thorough examination of its merits, and a favorable report by an appropriate Committee. It is desirable and proper that such Committee should, if they see fit, consult with ex-

perienced teachers in regard to any book brought to their notice ; but the custom, which appears to be gaining ground, of allowing authors and publishers to offer to the Board the signatures of the masters, in favor of their own publications, obtained for the purpose of superceding other books already in the schools, is one which ought not to be encouraged.

In regard to the text-books at present in use in the schools, your Committee believe that some improvements might be made, and they would recommend the subject to the particular attention of the Board.

We have some books in daily use which, if they had been more carefully examined, would never have been introduced into the schools, and others which ought to be superceded by better books on the same subject, which have been since published. We would not, however, recommend any extensive and sudden changes without due deliberation, and the certainty that the change proposed would be an improvement.

Without dwelling too much on the details of this subject, we may refer to the text-books in reading and arithmetic as particularly requiring notice.

The reading books for the higher classes have the merits of good judgment and taste in the selections, and they are perhaps equal to any that have been prepared for the purpose. All of those used by the younger classes, however, cannot be spoken of in the same terms of praise, and some of them are quite unworthy of a place in our schools. Some of these contain pieces which are beyond the reach of the understanding of the pupils by whom they are intended to be read, with others which are trivial both in style and matter, and in some instances, not written with due regard to the rules of grammatical construction.

A good reading book for any class should contain selections from the best writers in the language, prepared with a reference to the cultivation of the taste, and the education of the intellect, at the same time that they serve as exercises in reading. It requires the same judgment and discrimination to compile books for the younger pupils as for those of a more advanced age. Our language has many classical authors, of correct taste, and pure and simple style, selections from whose writings would be quite appropriate for the youngest classes, as well as for older pupils.

The extent of the influence of the reading books upon the character of the pupils, is not, perhaps, sufficiently considered. With some, whose opportunities for reading at home are limited, they are the chief means of their acquaintance with the best writers of our language. There are many who owe their first impressions of beauty in composition to these books; and there are probably few who have ever learned to read at all, who do not, in after life, remember and recur with pleasure to the selections of prose and poetry from the masterpieces of our literature, which have been rendered familiar to them through their class books at school.

The text-books of arithmetic, also, need a careful revision. Our regulations now allow the use of seven different books on arithmetic. Some of these are probably unnecessary, and might be dispensed with; others are not well adapted to the wants of the pupils, from their deficiency in a full and complete analysis of the principles of the subject. There are many excellent recent works on arithmetic, which teach, not by rules to be committed to memory, but by a thorough explanation of methods and principles. If any of these are found to be superior to the books now



in use, the interest of the pupils requires that a change should be made.

The text-books in other branches should also be carefully examined, but we are not prepared to recommend any definite changes in them at the present time.

**DISCIPLINE.** Your Committee have been happy to observe an improvement over former years in the general character of the discipline of the schools. The moral influence of the instructor appears to be gradually superceding the harsher methods of discipline, and teachers are beginning to discover that appeals to the higher motives of action, even in the younger classes, are the most efficient means of securing obedience, industry and a love of study.

It is to be regretted, however, that these views are not more generally adopted by all teachers in our schools. It appears, upon investigation, that some of the severer methods of discipline are still employed, and that even corporal punishment, which, in the opinion of your Committee, should be had recourse to only in rare and exceptional cases, is practised in some schools to a greater extent than they conceive to be necessary or expedient. Corporal punishment is permitted by our Regulations, and we would not take the power of inflicting it out of the hands of the masters, because there are, or may be, cases of aggravated misconduct which only this form of discipline can reach. But that it should be a matter of daily occurrence in any school, and inflicted for slight and trivial causes, we regard as a just ground of reproach, and as an evil which ought to be remedied.

We are aware that this mode of punishment is defended by some persons as the only efficient means of influencing refractory pupils. It is not to be denied

that order is the first law of the school room, and that obedience and submission to the authority of the teacher must be maintained and asserted at almost any sacrifice. Cases may occur of direct insubordination where other means have failed to produce submission, and where the infliction even of severe punishment, may be necessary and salutary. Such instances, however, must be rare in every well regulated school and we cannot but regard the frequent resort to this means of asserting authority, by any teacher, as evidence of want of the ability to command respect by force of character and moral influence.

Though temporary submission may be obtained by physical force, the state of mind which follows it is not generally favorable to future amendment. The immediate advantage gained by corporal punishment is, in most cases, more than counterbalanced by its permanent ill effects both upon the teacher and the pupils who receive it, as well as on those who are only spectators. The constant habit of witnessing it, must have a demoralizing effect upon any school. There is also great danger that, where it is resorted to on every occasion of misconduct, it may sometimes be inflicted unjustly by the teacher, in a moment of excitement, or adopted as the readiest means of enforcing order, where milder measures would have been equally successful and less objectionable.

Your Committee have learned, with surprise, that corporal punishment frequently occurs in the rooms of some of the assistant teachers. The elevating and refining influence of female teachers, has usually been referred to as a reason for employing them, to a large extent, in our schools. It was hoped that this influence would render unnecessary a frequent recourse



to appeals to the sense of fear. Such is found to be the case in many instances, and our best teachers have least need of a resort to corporal punishment in the government of their classes. A power of this grave nature should, in any case, be committed only to those who know how to use it with judgment and discretion, and, as a restraint upon its too frequent exercise, your Committee would recommend that all the provisions of the Regulations, chapter 1st, section 10th, be carefully insisted upon by the Sub-Committees.

In most other respects the general discipline of the schools is highly commendable. Much progress has been made, of late years, in the cultivation of a right tone of feeling and a kindly intercourse between the instructors and their pupils, which is promotive of mutual confidence and respect. Where this state of feeling exists in the highest degree, it supercedes, to a great extent, the necessity for the usual methods of discipline. A love of study for itself, and for the advantages which it brings with it, and a generous desire to secure the approbation of their instructors, and to promote the interests of the school, are found a sufficient stimulus to the pupils, without the need of other rewards or punishments.

It has occurred to us, however, that in a few of the schools the principle of emulation is somewhat too freely resorted to as a motive for exertion. It is not possible entirely to exclude this principle from a school, nor, perhaps, is it desirable to do so. But a too frequent appeal to it is so liable to overstimulate the ambition of pupils, and to excite unpleasant and envious feelings in their minds, that we should wish to see it very seldom employed. A laudable desire to make the greatest possible attainments in study, and to improve every advantage offered, should be approved of and encouraged, but it should never be allowed to degenerate into a mere per-

sonal ambition to excel, from a love of distinction or for the sake of reward. No apparent temporary advantage ought for a moment to be compared with the injury done to the moral sentiment by an appeal to an unworthy motive, or by anything tending to interrupt the harmony and good feeling which should always prevail among the fellow-pupils in a school.

The system of gradations of rank, according to marks for good or bad scholarship and deportment, which has been long employed in our schools, is useful to a certain extent, but it is in many respects objectionable, particularly in those schools where the pupils are led to attach too much importance to the distinctions created by it. There are graver objections, however, to the system of awarding medals in the manner at present adopted, and the advantages thought to be derived from them are, in the opinion of your Committee, very questionable.

The possession of these medals is acknowledged to be a very uncertain test of merit. From five to ten pupils out of each school are annually selected to receive this distinction, and the difficulty and almost impossibility of making a just award in all cases, must have been felt by every Sub-Committee who has had this duty to perform. The merits and claims of candidates are often so nearly balanced that a very slight and hardly appreciable difference may turn the scale, and the decision sometimes causes a feeling of disappointment on the one side, and of imaginary superiority on the other, equally without just foundation in either case.

It must also frequently occur, that among the disappointed candidates at one school are some who are quite as fairly entitled to the distinction as those who have received it at another school, where the number of competitors happened to be smaller, or the standard of attainment not so high.

Other objections to the awarding of medals might be mentioned, but your Committee have thought it proper to offer only the above observations on this subject, and to suggest the expediency of some modification, if not an entire abandonment, of the present system.

The beneficial tendency of the Annual Exhibitions, as conducted in many of our schools, has been seriously questioned by some of our most experienced teachers. They have complained of the loss of time and the interruption to the regular course of study, caused by the usual preparations for these occasions, and have remarked upon the false impressions which they give of the comparative merits of the schools. It is, on all accounts, desirable that the parents and friends of the pupils should have opportunities to observe the progress and conduct of the schools, and the Exhibitions might be conducted in such a way as to obtain this result, and, at the same time, serve as a healthy and beneficial stimulus to the pupils. They should aim to show, not what display a class may make after weeks of careful training and drilling for a special occasion, but the real progress they have actually made in their studies, the amount of useful information they have gained, and the whole result of the methods of instruction and government employed, and of the influence exercised over them by the teacher. Nothing should be done for mere effect, or to exhibit a superficial brilliancy in the place of solid attainments.

In this connection we would mention, with commendation, the special care taken by some masters that each individual in a class should receive his just share of attention and assistance in his studies. There is a tendency in certain schools, perhaps fostered by our system of Exhibitions, to put forward the brightest scholars, and to bestow an undue share of time upon them, while those of inferior capacity or less attainment are comparatively

neglected. The injustice and impolicy of this course are evident. Every pupil has an equal right, according to his industry and application to his duty, to receive the full benefit of all the means of instruction provided by the city, and no personal feeling of partiality, or the gratification of the natural desire to exhibit a brilliant class, should lead a teacher to favor any portion of his school at the expense of the rest. It is, besides, undoubtedly true that the most prominent pupils at school are not always those who, in after life, become the most valued and respected members of society. The mind and character are developed according to laws which are beyond our scrutiny, and our calculations are constantly liable to error. It is not precocious brilliancy of intellect, but those moral qualities which lead the scholar to perform all his duties faithfully and to improve the time, which will determine his future position.

We also observe with satisfaction the arrangements made for the accommodation of those pupils whose circumstances will not permit them to attend school during the whole of the year. These are often deserving and intelligent scholars, who are desirous of taking advantage of all the means of education which they can obtain, during the time which they are able to devote to this object. They should be cordially received into our schools, and suitable provision should be made for them, either in separate classes or otherwise, as may be found most expedient.

Representations have been sometimes made by parents to the Board, that the pupils, particularly at the girls' schools, have been overtasked, and that an excessive amount of study has been required by some teachers. That there may have been some foundation for this complaint, in a few instances, is probably true, but your Committee cannot find that the evil complained of has existed



to any great extent, and they have reason to believe that it has been remedied in those schools where it did exist. It is fully understood by the teachers that study, however important, should never be allowed to interfere with health. Nothing is to be gained by overtasking the pupil, but, on the contrary, irreparable injury may be occasioned by it. Even if physical health does not suffer by too much study, the mind may be impaired by the large demands made upon it, by too close attention to a great variety of subjects.

The time of the school hours should be fully and profitably employed, but the most ample opportunities for healthful exercise, and for a large amount of salutary recreation out of school, should also be allowed. But a small amount of actual study out of school, should be required, even of the oldest pupils. To the younger classes none but the shortest and simplest lessons, if any, should be assigned to be learned at home.

Much depends upon the manner in which instruction is given, and upon the state of mind of the student. He should be encouraged to look upon study as a source of enjoyment rather than as a task; but, to be fully enjoyed, requiring the highest exertion of his faculties, and a thorough interest in his work. What is taught should be clearly and definitely explained, so that when once learned it is fully understood and not easily forgotten. A few things intelligently studied will make more impression and be of more permanent benefit than a much larger amount hastily and carelessly passed over, and one hour spent upon any lesson when the mind of the pupil is active and interested in the subject, is better than many hours passed in listless poring over books. The pupil is not then constantly obliged to retrace his steps to study over again what he has at first but imperfectly comprehended.

The actual amount of knowledge obtained at school is not so important as the habits of thought and methods of study acquired. The time, however, spent in the school course is fully sufficient, if well employed, for the acquisition of a large amount of instruction, and all that is necessary or important to be learned up to the age at which our pupils leave the Grammar Schools, might be easily attained without any excessive amount of study.

In addition to the objections, on the score of health, to the practice of assigning too many lessons to be studied out of school, another evil is that these lessons occupy the time which ought to be at the disposal of pupils for the cultivation of the mind by general reading. One of the deficiencies most observed among pupils, even of the older classes, in our Grammar Schools, is the want of that general cultivation which only an intelligent course of reading can give. Their attention is so much confined to their text-books and to their peculiar school studies that they do not find time for general reading, or if they have time, they are not sufficiently encouraged and directed how to improve it. Pupils will frequently give an excellent recitation on some subject, for example, of ancient or modern history, while they are quite uninformed in regard to the great events that are passing in the world around them. Some exercises of a more general character might well be introduced among the more common school studies, which should lead the thoughts of the pupil to a more extended view of the relations of these to other branches of knowledge. His reading out of school might be so directed by his instructors, as to promote a general acquaintance with literature and science, and at the same time to improve his taste and enlarge the range of his thoughts.

The use of the Public Library, so freely extended to the pupils of our schools, may be of great advantage to-



wards this object, if properly understood. There is perhaps no class in the community to whom the Library may be made more directly beneficial than to these pupils, if the selection of books to be read by them is made with discretion and judgment.

It should, notwithstanding, be considered, that however important the education of books and of school may be, these are only subsidiary to the wider education which comes from the experience of every day life, and that the great end of the whole should be to prepare the student most thoroughly for the duties and responsibilities incident to his future position.

Your Committee have not thought it advisable to give comparative tables of the results of the examination in each school, but they propose to arrange the observations suggested by it in regard to each branch of study, under its appropriate head.

**SPELLING.** Much attention has been paid to obtain accuracy in spelling, in many of the schools, and in some of them with very good results. We have still, however, to notice some deficiencies in this branch. The average number of errors, in a list of words in ordinary use, selected for the purpose of examination of the first classes, was far greater than was anticipated, and shows the necessity of an increased attention to this subject. It would appear that the ordinary drilling from a spelling book or dictionary, though highly useful, is not sufficient of itself, to insure even a creditable degree of accuracy. Many errors were committed by classes who had been frequently and carefully taught in this way. Various expedients are practised in the different schools, with more or less success, to aid in obtaining a more favorable result. In

addition to these, we would suggest that each pupil be required to keep a book in which to write all the words given out at each lesson, to study carefully those misspelt, and to be prepared in them at the succeeding lesson. The pupils should also prepare lists of words, selected by themselves, as they occur in their reading or study, to be given out by them to the class, and each pupil should take his turn in this exercise. The words should be both written, and spelt orally by the class. Other expedients may be suggested by the ingenuity of the teachers or of the pupils themselves, to excite an interest in the subject, and it is very desirable that every means should be tried to ensure the greatest possible degree of accuracy in this essential part of education.

READING. The proficiency of pupils in reading is perhaps one of the best tests of their general intelligence and mental development. Much attention was therefore given to the examination in this branch. The same diversity of merit in this respect as in most others, is found in the different schools, depending perhaps mainly on the taste and ability of the teachers. In some schools an intelligent and expressive manner of reading is cultivated, in which, without any effort at theatrical display or forced and unnatural emphasis, the sentiment and meaning of the author is given with a truth and simplicity that leaves little to be desired. In other schools a style of reading has been introduced and encouraged, whose object would seem to be to leave truth and nature out of view, and substitute an artificial standard in their place. This system aims to teach what emphases and cadences are proper to express any particular emotion, and to apply them to the piece to be read, instead of making the pupil first

understand what he reads, and allowing the emotion or sentiment itself to suggest its own manner of expression.

The artificial habit of reading, acquired in this way, is one of the worst faults into which a pupil can fall, and it is unfortunately too prevalent in our schools. It would be easier to teach a pupil who had never learned to read at all, than to correct the bad habits which this system has sometimes produced. We believe the elocutionary rules so much insisted upon in our books, to be partly the occasion of this fault. They are, in our opinion, not only useless but positively injurious. When a pupil understands what he is reading, such rules are superfluous, and if he does not understand, no rules can help him. It is well for a pupil to know the vocabulary of the subject, that he may be able to express himself definitely and intelligibly in regard to it, but it is a mistake to suppose that a familiarity with all the technical rules of dramatic elocution is necessary to make a good reader. We need a more intelligent and less mechanical method of teaching, which shall accustom the pupil to express the thoughts of another, in reading, with the same ease and facility that he expresses his own thoughts in speaking. There seems to be no sufficient reason why all should not be able to do this, if the proper methods were adopted from the commencement of their course of instruction.

WRITING. Your Committee have observed, with pleasure, a good degree of proficiency in writing in most of the schools, and an increased attention to the subject in all. Some of the specimens exhibited at the examination were remarkable for their beautiful and finished execution. It would perhaps be better, how-

ever, if more of the time devoted to writing were spent upon what is essential and practical, rather than upon the ornamental branches of the art. It should be the aim of the pupil to acquire a fair, distinct and plain hand-writing, rather than to attempt what is called elegant penmanship. In this point of view some of the systems now in use are decidedly objectionable, and we are sorry to see them taking the place of the old methods, by which the pupil was taught to form the single letters carefully and correctly, before proceeding to the practice of running-hand. The results obtained by the old method, when faithfully pursued, of learning to write from copies in a large round hand, without superfluous ornament or display, were more satisfactory, in most respects, than those of the later systems. The unnatural and ungraceful attitude at the desk while writing, which has been lately introduced into some schools, must also lead to inconvenient habits, which it will be difficult for a pupil to correct after leaving school.

The change made last year in the Regulations, allowing the Sub-Committees to introduce such systems of penmanship as may be found most expedient in their respective schools, will probably be beneficial. No one system can be well adapted for all pupils, and any system which requires a uniform method of writing from all, must fail of being the most useful to the larger proportion of them. The hand-writing of each individual must be peculiar and characteristic, and it is not desirable, even if it were possible, to make all write according to one uniform plan. We have known a class of pupils in one of our best schools whose hand-writing, previously good, and in some cases excellent, because plain, distinct, and having individual character, was, in our opinion, seriously injured, and reduced



almost to a uniform mediocrity, by a series of lessons from a professed penman.

GRAMMAR. Notwithstanding the inherent difficulties of the subject, the pupils generally, and those of the higher classes in particular, appear to be well instructed in this branch of study. Many of the exercises in parsing and in the analysis of sentences showed much intelligence and correct habits of thought. A tendency may be observed, however, in some schools to look upon grammar as a science having no relation to our ordinary speech, and not applicable to our daily communication with each other. Some pupils, who could parse and analyze remarkably well, used incorrect language in conversation; and frequent inaccuracies of expression were observed even in the discussion itself of the rules of grammatical construction.

Grammar is simply an abstract of the fundamental laws and principles of language, and English Grammar is the expression of those laws as applied to our own tongue. All instruction, therefore, on the subject, to be practicably available, should be such as will lead the pupil to form correct habits of expression in his own use of language, in conversation and writing. This is a point which needs to be insisted upon, because it is frequently overlooked. The errors and mistakes constantly made by pupils, are too apt to pass without correction by the teachers, and it must even be confessed that all of the teachers themselves are not sufficiently careful in their own use of language. It should be remembered that in this matter, more perhaps than in any other, practice is better than precept, and no teaching of grammatical rules will counteract the injurious effect of the frequent hearing and use of ungrammatical language.

In view of the fact that bad habits of speech when early acquired are extremely difficult to eradicate in after life, it is advisable that the study of grammar, in some form, should be very early begun in the schools. The instruction in the first years should be chiefly oral, and of the most practical kind. Any errors that may be committed should be carefully corrected, and the habit of accuracy early and firmly fixed. The higher departments of grammar should be entered upon at a later period, when the mind is more mature, and the careful and critical study of this subject in all its relations, will be found one of the most interesting and useful pursuits in which students can engage.

ARITHMETIC. This study is one of those in which much accurate and careful instruction is given in our schools. In some of them the practical part of the subject is very thoroughly taught, and the pupils show a remarkable degree of facility and correctness in the solution of even difficult and complicated problems.

Sufficient care, however, is not always taken to make the pupil understand the principles of arithmetic, and the reason for the processes performed. We have frequently, for example, been pleased with the facility with which a class have solved problems involving complicated operations in fractions or in proportion, but on inquiry for an explanation of the reason for the various steps of the process, no answer could be given, except that such was the rule of the text-book. No attempt seemed to have been made to analyze these rules, and to investigate the principles upon which they are constructed. This fault may be partly owing to deficiencies in the text-books themselves, in regard to analysis, but it must also be attributed partly to want of sufficient care on the part of the teachers to draw the



attention of the pupil to this subject. Pupils seem sometimes to imagine that the rules of the text-book are arbitrary directions given by the author of the book, rather than applications of the general laws of the relations of numbers to particular classes of cases. No scholar can be considered as well instructed in arithmetic unless he can arrive at the solution of the problem before him independently of any given rules. A thorough analysis of one question will enable him to construct rules for himself applicable to the whole class of similar cases. The unnecessary multiplication of rules, however, is in itself an evil, and it is better that every problem should be considered and solved on its own merits. By this method of studying arithmetic, the mind of the pupil is kept awake, and his intellect excited, and, while his progress is facilitated, the subject itself is better understood, and he obtains all the advantage which the study is capable of affording, as a mental exercise.

The beautiful simplicity of the principles of arithmetic, and the wide extent of their application, can hardly fail to be appreciated, and to excite an interest in the minds of all intelligent students, when the subject is presented to them in a proper light.

The advantage of oral and mental arithmetic, as it is at present pursued, is very apparent. The introduction of that class of books on arithmetic of which Colburn's was among the first, and is perhaps still, in many respects, the best, has been of great benefit in promoting the intelligent study of the subject. The importance of written arithmetic, however, should not be overlooked. Exercises on the slate or the black-board should accompany every lesson, and even the youngest pupils should be taught to explain, with the pencil, all the processes which they have mentally

performed. We make this observation because it is frequently found that pupils, who are confined too exclusively to mental arithmetic are apt to commit errors, when called upon to perform even the more common and simple operations, on the slate.

While recommending a more thorough analysis of the principles of arithmetic, we would, at the same time, urge the importance of a greater exactness in the performance of the earlier processes. The result of the Examination shows that mistakes in simple numeration, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are among those most frequently made, even by advanced pupils. Much of the time occupied in the solution of the more complicated problems would be saved to the pupil by a greater facility and habitual exactness in performing the common operations. If the pupils in the younger classes were more thoroughly taught the importance of habits of correctness, at the very beginning of the study, mistakes of this kind would less frequently occur.

Much advantage would also be gained by an early and careful analysis of the steps of these simpler processes. The difficulties, for example, which invest the subject of decimals, in the minds of some pupils, might, it is believed, be wholly removed by a clear understanding of the principles of numeration, while a definite comprehension of the whole subject of the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions would easily follow upon a full explanation of these operations as applied to whole numbers.

GEOGRAPHY. Much attention is paid to geography in our schools, and generally with a good degree of success. It is one of the most interesting studies to the pupils, and one of the most profitable of the course,

when properly pursued. Too much time, however, may be given to minute details, and to the attempt to remember the situation of comparatively unimportant places on the map, in such a way as to confuse the mind of the learner and divert his attention from those broad features which form the groundwork of the science. Much unprofitable labor is sometimes spent upon these minor points, and we believe it to be a fact, that a very large proportion of all the knowledge of this kind acquired by the pupil, is forgotten immediately on his leaving school, unless circumstances occur to bring it into daily use.

The general outlines of geography should be first studied, with the use of the globe and such other apparatus and diagrams as are necessary to fix the chief points definitely in the mind. The main features of physical geography come next in importance; such as the outlines of continents and oceans, the situation and direction of mountain ranges and great rivers, and the principal laws which affect climate and temperature. Political geography should be connected with the preceding, in the natural order. A definite acquaintance with its grand divisions should first be formed to serve, as a skeleton or groundwork for future acquisitions. The outlines of the chief divisions of the globe, the extent, resources and government of the various countries, the situation and history of important places are then more easily fixed in the memory.

The propriety of connecting the study of geography with that of history is here apparent. Political geography changes with every great epoch of history, and its boundary lines are the landmarks of states as they rise and fall. Its condition at any particular time is a summary and result of the history of the world to that period.

If we compare the map of the world as the ancients represented it, with that drawn by Columbus, or with the delineations of our own time, we shall hardly recognize any resemblance. The outlines of the political divisions of North America at the period of the landing at Plymouth, or of the revolution of 1776, were as different from each other as those of both periods are from the divisions of our day. A series of drawings representing the boundaries of the countries of Europe at the different stages of its political progress, would be a most instructive illustration of history.

**HISTORY.** It is not to be expected that great acquisitions should be made in history during the years of the school course. The knowledge, however, which is acquired should be of that definite and practical character which will form a well grounded foundation for future advancement. We have heard recitations in this branch from some pupils with very great pleasure, and the intelligent answers often given to general questions on the subject have shown a good degree of proficiency. The interest of pupils in the study would probably be increased by not confining them too closely to any text-book, but by taking up special points or periods of history in succession, and encouraging the pupils to seek additional information in regard to them, from all sources within their reach, till they had acquired a sufficient familiarity with the subject to appreciate the true way in which all history should be studied.

**COMPOSITION.** Some of the exercises in English Composition have been very gratifying to your Committee, showing a maturity of thought and facility of expression which was hardly to be expected from pupils of the age of those in our Grammar Schools. In



no exercise is the intelligence of a pupil so thoroughly tested as in this branch. It would be well if more attention were paid to this subject in all our schools. The habit of composition might be begun at a very early period. There would appear to be no reason, in the nature of the case, why it should be more difficult to express our thoughts on paper, than in common conversation. It is probable that much of the difficulty often complained of in regard to composition, arises from the want of the early cultivation of the habit of writing. If pupils were early required and encouraged to express their own thoughts, in a familiar way, in writing, to make abstracts of what has interested them in books or lectures, or to give written accounts of what they have seen or heard, they might acquire a much greater facility in composition, than they at present possess. We would not intimate the opinion that by this course all could become elegant writers, but we believe that it is possible to make a large proportion of pupils able to write their own language at least correctly and intelligibly.

In those schools where elocution is frequently practised, a facility in speaking is acquired, even by those not naturally disposed to it. We would encourage, in every way, the cultivation of the faculty of expression of thought, whether by writing or speaking, and we should be pleased to see a greater variety of exercises, adapted to this end, introduced into the schools.

DRAWING is one of the exercises required by our Regulations, but no special system has been adopted, and no means for regular instruction in it provided. It has been left to accident, or to the ability and taste of the teacher to decide how much, if any, attention shall be given to it in each school. Some very excel-

lent specimens have been exhibited at the examinations, and such an amount of skill evinced as to show that, with proper encouragement, drawing might become a very important and useful auxiliary in the schools. The cultivation of the eye and hand by drawing has been heretofore too much neglected. We should be glad to see the practice of illustration by the pencil, or upon the blackboard, much more extensively introduced into the schools, and made familiar both to the teachers and pupils, and we would recommend that some definite provision be made for the purpose of instruction in this important branch. This might probably best be done by the appointment of assistants in each school, with special reference to their ability to teach in this branch.

**PHYSIOLOGY.** This subject has been studied with much care in some of the schools, but it does not appear to have been attended to, in all of them, in the most judicious manner. Too many pages of the text-books are taken up with anatomical details, and the attention is not sufficiently directed to the general laws of health and their application. It is desirable that all should be acquainted with the most important and interesting points in the structure of the human frame, but your Committee doubt the expediency of allowing anatomy to occupy so large a part as it now does, of the books of physiology used in our schools. We need a text-book which shall, in a few simple pages, set forth all that is necessary to be taught to pupils on the laws of health and the rules for its preservation, and it should be considered the duty of teachers, so far as their influence goes, to see that these rules are not only known but practically applied.



IN NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, ALGEBRA, GEOMETRY, and other permitted but not required studies, the proficiency is various, according to the attention paid to these subjects. In some schools they are not studied at all, while in others a good degree of familiarity with some of the most important of them has been attained.

While we would not advocate attention to these at the expense of the other and essential branches of study, we are of opinion that something more might be done in the higher studies than is now accomplished. Pupils who remain in our schools till the age of sixteen or seventeen, and some of whom have been, several years in the first classes, ought to be well instructed in some of the more advanced studies, besides having a thorough knowledge of the elementary branches. If the time spent in learning the latter were employed in such a manner that these should be early and thoroughly mastered, a portion of the labor, now expended in going over nearly the same ground from year to year, might be profitably employed in making still further progress.

SEWING. The introduction of Sewing into the younger classes of the schools for girls, during the last year, has been attended, so far as your Committee have been able to learn, with very satisfactory results. It is the general testimony of the teachers that the experiment promises to be a very successful one. The sewing does not interfere with the progress of the pupils in their studies, but forms an agreeable and interesting relaxation, as well as a useful occupation, in the intervals of study. It is found to be also an additional advantage to a large class of pupils, in promoting regular attendance at school. The benefit derived by them

from the instruction given is recognized by all who have examined the subject.

Your Committee have now made all the observations which have occurred to them, during the Examination, in reference to the merits and defects of the schools, and have suggested such improvements as they have thought might be of utility. They have not hesitated to express their opinions freely, knowing that these institutions, so well conducted, and so highly appreciated, are able to stand the test of criticism, and cannot be injured by any remark having for its object to improve their condition. If they have pointed out plainly some of the defects which seem to them yet to exist in our school system, and to interfere with its efficient working in particular cases, it is with a sincere desire to aid in remedying those defects, and to make our schools still more worthy of the high reputation which they already justly enjoy.

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## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

*Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns. July, 1854.*

| SCHOOLS.        | Boys. | Girls. | Total. | Average at-<br>tendance last<br>six months. | Seats. | Between 5<br>and 15. | Over 15. | Masters. | Sub-Masters. | Ushers. | Female As'ts. |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| Latin, . . .    | 171   | -      | 171    | 156                                         | 210    | 107                  | 64       | 1        | 1            | 3       | 0             |
| Eng. High,      | 146   | -      | 146    | * 149                                       | 225    | 30                   | 116      | 1        | 2            | 2       | 0             |
| Normal, . . .   | -     | 140    | 140    | 137                                         | 150    | -                    | 140      | 1        | 0            | 0       | 4             |
| Model, . . .    | 86    | -      | 86     | 88                                          | 116    | 86                   | -        | 0        | 0            | 0       | 2             |
| Bigelow, . . .  | -     | 364    | 364    | 326                                         | 448    | 345                  | 19       | 1        | 0            | 0       | 8             |
| Bowdoin, . . .  | -     | 559    | 559    | 592                                         | 560    | 503                  | 56       | 1        | 0            | 0       | 10            |
| Boylston, . . . | 414   | 287    | 701    | 696                                         | 774    | 691                  | 10       | 1        | 1            | 1       | 10            |
| Brimmer, . . .  | 541   | -      | 541    | 547                                         | 558    | 528                  | 13       | 1        | 1            | 1       | 8             |
| Chapman, . . .  | 262   | 261    | 523    | 498                                         | 563    | 496                  | 27       | 2        | 0            | 0       | 11            |
| Dwight, . . .   | 384   | 280    | 664    | 614                                         | 670    | 629                  | 35       | 2        | 1            | 0       | 10            |
| Eliot, . . .    | 604   | -      | 604    | 631                                         | 696    | 593                  | 11       | 1        | 1            | 1       | 11            |
| Franklin, . . . | -     | 594    | 594    | 573                                         | 800    | 571                  | 23       | 1        | 0            | 0       | 11            |
| Hancock, . . .  | -     | 636    | 636    | 625                                         | 672    | 615                  | 21       | 1        | 1            | 0       | 11            |
| Hawes, . . .    | 393   | -      | 393    | 348                                         | 360    | 386                  | 7        | 1        | 1            | 1       | 4             |
| Johnson, . . .  | -     | 324    | 324    | 275                                         | 355    | 303                  | 21       | 1        | 0            | 0       | 5             |
| Lyman, . . .    | 304   | 327    | 631    | 558                                         | 726    | 619                  | 12       | 2        | 1            | 0       | 10            |
| Mather, . . .   | 311   | 316    | 627    | 575                                         | 560    | 610                  | 17       | 1        | 1            | 0       | 11            |
| Mayhew, . . .   | 462   | -      | 462    | 426                                         | 600    | 455                  | 7        | 1        | 1            | 1       | 8             |
| Phillips, . . . | 451   | -      | 451    | 456                                         | 540    | 443                  | 8        | 1        | 1            | 1       | 7             |
| Quincy, . . .   | 616   | -      | 616    | 647                                         | 732    | 604                  | 12       | 1        | 1            | 2       | 9             |
| Smith, . . .    | 32    | 58     | 90     | 54                                          | 80     | 83                   | 7        | 1        | 0            | 0       | 1             |
| Wells, . . .    | -     | 481    | 481    | 399                                         | 488    | 460                  | 21       | 2        | 0            | 1       | 6             |
| Winthrop, . . . | -     | 400    | 400    | 352                                         | 444    | 372                  | 28       | 1        | 0            | 0       | 8             |
| Totals.         | 5,177 | 5,027  | 10,204 | 9,722                                       | 11,327 | 9,529                | 675      | 26       | 14           | 14      | 165           |

\* These returns are made in July, when the number belonging to the Schools is small; hence the *average attendance* for six months is in some instances greater than the number belonging to the School at the time of making the return.

LATIN SCHOOL.

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The Annual Examination of the Latin Grammar School was made on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of July; and the results of it were satisfactory to the members of the committee, by whom it was conducted.

The present condition of the School justifies the high reputation, which it has long enjoyed in our community.

The regulations require that candidates for admission shall be ten years of age, and shall produce certificates of good moral character from the masters of the schools, which they last attended.

The great accession of numbers to the school since the change, made two years since, in regard to the age of admission, seems to afford evidence that that change has met the approbation of the citizens.

The increased attention to the branches of a good *English* education, which this change and the longer term allotted to a regular course through the school, justify, without detracting from the thoroughness with which the branches, peculiar to this school, are cultivated, will undoubtedly lead parents to present their children at the early age, which the present regulations permit; in order that they may have the advantage of the complete course, without postponing their entrance into college to too late a day.

Candidates for admission are examined in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography and grammar.

The regular course of instruction continues for six years, but pupils may be advanced, according to scholarship, so as to complete it in a shorter time. Instruction is given in the several branches required for admission, and in declamation, English composition, history, ancient geography, algebra, geometry, drawing, and in the French, Latin and Greek languages.

The dead languages are taught with uncommon thoroughness.

The number of pupils is at present two hundred and three ; and they are under the care of one master, one sub-master and three ushers. The state of the school proves the faithfulness of the teachers.

The building occupied by it in Bedford street is well adapted to its purposes, and is in good order.

It is believed that no institution of the kind offers greater advantages to those, who propose to themselves a collegiate education.

At the annual visitation of the school, the Franklin medals were awarded to Joshua G. Beals, Wm. P. G. Bartlett, Henry L. Patten, Samuel H. Eells, Thomas Reed and William Everett.

For the Committee.

J. THOS. STEVENSON.

ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

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The Sub-Committee of the English High School respectfully report that they attended to the Quarterly and Annual Examination of said school, on Tuesday, the 18th of July; three members of the Committee being present.

The general condition of the school was in all respects satisfactory; and the examination of the graduating class, to which special attention was paid, gave conclusive evidence of thorough and faithful instruction, of diligent improvement of privilege and opportunity, and of good preparation for the various departments of active life, upon which the members of this class were about to enter. It may be recollected that in their annual report of last year, the Sub-Committee, without proposing any specific change in the course of study, suggested that perhaps the English High School had become too exclusively scientific, and that more attention should be given to the English language, its literature and history. During the past year, Mr. Sherwin, without neglecting the prescribed studies, has sought to remedy this defect, by oral instruction, lectures, and the use of such books as the limited Library of the school affords; so that at the visitation of the school on the 18th ult., the Committee were surprised and gratified to find that the first class, after a thorough examination in Natural Theology, Moral Philosophy, Christian Evidences, As-



tronomy, Natural Philosophy, and the French Language, were also able to give a good general outline of English Literature, and to mention the names, works, characteristics, and some events in the lives of many of the prominent English writers from the time of Spencer and Shakspeare to the present day. The Committee regard the action and efforts of Mr. Sherwin in this respect, as in the right direction, and with the instrumentality of a good Library of standard English authors, which will soon be placed in the school, the Committee trust that he will be enabled to raise this department of English literature to a level with the scientific and philosophical departments, and to give the pupils under his charge a large and generous culture in the history and literature of their own language.

In this connection, the Committee regard with much interest an event which occurred during the past year, viz: the formation of an Association of the Alumni of the English High School. There are various ways, direct and indirect, in which such an association may exert an influence favorable to the best interests of the school. By a letter from the President of this Association, Frederic U. Tracy, Esq., the Committee are informed that a considerable sum of money has been raised by subscription, which it is proposed to appropriate in such ways as may be deemed best to the benefit of the school; and in the first instance, the Association offers to make the beginning, to lay the foundation, of a good Library of standard English authors and works on History, provided the City will furnish cases for the accommodation and preservation of the books, in one of the rooms of the school. As this request is reasonable, and one that in other similar instances, this Board has been ready to meet, the Committee append to their report an order to this effect.

From the same source, also,—the President of the Association,—the Sub-Committee learn that a gentleman, willing and competent, has been agreed upon to make the selection of mineralogical specimens, offered to the High School, by Francis Alger, Esq., from his rich and valuable cabinet; so that we may hope that the school will open the next year, with a valuable collection of minerals, and a small, it may be, but well selected Library of English Classics, in addition to its present instrumentalities of culture. Something will also be done, in due time, by the Association, towards embellishing the rooms of the school, so that they shall wear an aspect more gratifying to the eye than at present, and tend to refine and elevate the tastes and awaken pleasant thoughts and emotions in the minds of all who have to pass six and seven hours of every day within them.

The Philosophical Apparatus of the school is well appointed, in good condition, and has been much used during the year, in giving instruction in the various departments of Natural Philosophy.

These are the favorable aspects in the condition and prospects of the English High School.

There are other aspects and events, less favorable, which the Sub-Committee must bring to the consideration of the Board. The first is the resignation by Mr. Francis S. Williams, of his office of second sub-master of the school. His long connection with the school as usher and sub-master, his talent and tact as an instructor, the persevering self-culture by which he has made himself a thoroughly accomplished scholar and teacher, and the influence exerted over his pupils by his high character and amiable manners and deportment, all conspire to make Mr. Williams' resignation a great

loss to the school. It is matter for congratulation, however, that his large experience and eminent qualifications as a teacher are not to be lost to the general cause of education ; and while we regret that his services are no longer to be rendered in the English High School, the length and fidelity of his past labors in this School, demand that our best wishes for his success attend him in the new sphere of private enterprise and instruction upon which he is about to enter. The Committee hope to nominate as his successor, one, who if not at once equal to him, will by perseverance and fidelity ultimately make his place good.

Another unfavorable point to which the Committee would briefly allude, touches the relations between the English High and the Grammar Schools.

According to the plan or the theory of our system of public instruction, it ought to be an object of ambition in each of the Grammar Schools to furnish the largest number of pupils, thoroughly prepared, for the English High School ; and the success and usefulness of the Grammar Schools should be tested in a great measure by this result. Whatever these schools can teach above and beyond this, in studies not required for admission to the English High—because more thoroughly taught there—let it be taught, and if other things are not neglected, let the teaching be commended ; but the test of the school—at least one of the chief tests—should be the number of pupils in whom a desire is awakened to pass on to the English High School, and who are found to be thoroughly grounded and qualified in the studies required for admission to that school.

This is the theory of our school system. Such however is not the result of the practical working of the system. The number that come to the High School from the Grammar Schools is not so great as it ought

to be; and those who do come are not so well prepared as they ought to be. At the recent examination, eighty-five candidates presented themselves for examination, of whom fifty-four were admitted; the other thirty-one will have to undergo a second examination with new candidates at the close of the vacation. When the whole examination is completed, the Sub-Committee will make the report upon the subject which the Regulations require.

Without going into a discussion of the causes of the difficulty, and of the imperfect relation, practically, which the English High and Grammar Schools sustain towards each other, the Committee would suggest that perhaps something might be done to remedy the difficulty by adopting a different mode of admission into the English High School. It might be made the duty of the Annual Examining Committee to attend to this matter. In their annual visitation of the Grammar Schools, they should determine by examination, how many of the pupils of the first, or first and second classes are qualified to enter the English High School the next September, and their certificate to that effect should secure their admission; the master and Sub-Committee of the English High School having reserved to them the power, at the end of the first term, or at the Thanksgiving vacation, to discharge from the school those whom it was found, after three months' trial, were not able to go forward with the course of instruction and study appointed for the school. Or the certificate of the master of a Grammar School, endorsed by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of his school, might be taken as *prima facie* evidence of qualification, and the pupil received upon that—with the same provision as in the former case—that if not found able at the end of two or three months to go on usefully with the course



of studies at the English High School, the master and Sub-Committee be authorized to dismiss him.

The Sub-Committee do not propose any specific plan or order for this change. They simply throw out the suggestions for the consideration of this Board at some future time, or for the consideration of those who may come after them in office. The English High School is not the least important part of our great system of public instruction. By our merchants, master mechanics, architects, civil engineers, in all the higher departments of active life among us, the pupils of this school are eagerly sought for, and readily obtain good situations.

The poorest boy in the City, thoroughly educated at the English High School, is sure to attain to an honorable and useful situation in life.

Nothing should be done, therefore, to injure this school, or diminish its advantages or its influence; but every effort should be made to increase and diffuse its advantages, and to bring the largest number possible to partake of them.

Respectfully submitted.

S. K. LOTHROP.

*Ordered*, That the Sub-Committee be authorized to procure Book-cases, for the use of the English High School—at an expense not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

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The Sub-Committee of the Normal School respectfully report,

That the Annual Examination of this school was held in July. It is now two years since the school was established, and the first class of pupils have accomplished the course of study originally proposed. The present condition of the school is highly satisfactory, and the success of the plan adopted has been such as to show the importance and utility of this institution as a part of our system of instruction.

Frequent applications have been made at the school for pupils to act as teachers in other schools. Many of them have been engaged as substitutes, in the Grammar Schools, for teachers temporarily absent, and more than twenty pupils have received appointments to permanent places as teachers. The reports of the Sub-Committees and masters of those schools in which they have been employed, give evidence of the very gratifying success which has attended the efforts of these pupils in teaching. There are other pupils remaining in the school who are as thoroughly qualified to teach as those who have left it, but, with the permission of the Board, the Sub-Committee have allowed such members of the senior class as desired it, to continue in the school for another year, as an advanced class. These pupils, besides attending to their own studies, will be prepared to fill any vacancies which may occur in the other Schools.



The course of study pursued has been nearly such as was at first proposed, with, however, a liberal construction of the regulations which allow the introduction of some of the higher studies, in addition to those usually taught in the Grammar Schools. Among those introduced have been Algebra, Geòmetry, Physical Geography, Rhetoric, Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, English Literature, with a critical analysis of classical writers, and the study of the French language. It will be observed that the list of studies successfully pursued at this school, differs but little from those of the best High Schools for Girls. The methods of pursuing these studies, however, have been carefully adapted to the chief objects of a Normal School, and much effort has been made to enable the pupil to acquire so thorough and complete a knowledge of the subjects studied, as to qualify her to teach and explain them clearly to others.

The Model School continues to be of much use in affording opportunities for observation and practice to the pupils of the Normal School, and the instruction given to its pupils is at least equal to that of the other Grammar Schools. Some inconvenience, however, has arisen from the small number of pupils which the Model School will accommodate, and the limited field for practice which it affords. If arrangements were made by which our best Grammar Schools should offer such opportunities as are needed by those who are preparing to become teachers, the present Model School might be dispensed with. A cordial co-operation of the masters of the Grammar Schools with the instructors of the Normal School, in giving their valuable advice and assistance to such pupils as should be sent, from time to time, to those schools, to observe, and learn the best

methods of teaching, would be of very great advantage towards the accomplishment of the end proposed.

The Annual Examination of candidates for admission to the Normal School, took place on the 27th of July. The whole number of candidates was sixty-three, of whom fifty-two were admitted. Thirteen candidates presented themselves for examination at the commencement of the school in September, of whom nine were admitted.

The whole number of pupils at present in the school, is as follows:—

|                        |   |   |   |       |
|------------------------|---|---|---|-------|
| In the advanced Class, | - | - | - | 31    |
| In the Senior Class,   | - | - | - | 61    |
| In the Junior Class,   | - | - | - | 61    |
|                        |   |   |   | <hr/> |
| Total,                 | - | - | - | 153   |

The number of pupils in the Model School, is 103.

For the Sub-Committee.

LE BARON RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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*In Common Council, November 2, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the Trustees of the Public Library be and they are hereby requested to present their Annual Report to the City Council in print, and that they be allowed to print 5000 copies.

Sent up for concurrence.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *President.*

*In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, November 6, 1854.*

Concurred.

J. V. C. SMITH, *Mayor.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY, OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*In Board of Trustees, Nov. 3, 1854.*

*Ordered,* That the Report of Mr. Everett be accepted and signed by each member of the Board ; and that the Secretary deliver it to the Mayor, in obedience to the requisitions of the 4th section of an Ordinance in relation to the Public Library, dated October 14, 1852.

Attest :

EDWARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

# THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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### TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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In obedience to the fourth section of the ordinance of the 14th of October, 1852, in relation to the Public Library, the Trustees beg leave to submit to the City Council their second Annual Report.

In conformity to the provisions of the ordinance, the Report of the Committee of Examination marked A, is herewith submitted. This Committee consists of five citizens at large, appointed by the Trustees, and of one of their own Board acting as chairman. The citizens at large, who have kindly given their services as members of the Committee, the present year, are: Hon. Jonathan Phillips, Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. Nathan Appleton, and Oliver Frost, Esq. The Trustees deem it a duty publicly to acknowledge the prompt and diligent attention of these gentlemen to the duties of a Committee of Examination, and the interest manifested by them in the prosperity of the institution.

The Trustees also submit the Annual Report of the Librarian, marked B, made in pursuance of chapter III., article 12th, of the rules and by-laws of the Library.

From these documents a full knowledge may be obtained of the operations of the Library during the past year, and of its condition at the present time.

This year has been one of great importance in the history of the Library, being that of its opening to public use, on a plan somewhat novel in institutions of this kind. At the date of their former annual report, it was the hope of the Trustees that they should be able to commence their operations on the first of January. This was rendered impossible by the circumstance, that the larger room appropriated for the present use of the Library was still required as a place for Ward meetings. The reading room was opened on the 20th of March, but it was not till the 2d of May last that the Trustees were able to open the circulating department of the library to public use. Since that time, with the exception of the usual public holidays, the library has been open every day from 9 o'clock A. M. to 9 1-2 o'clock P. M., till the 17th ult., when, in compliance with the rules and by-laws, the doors were closed for the annual examination.

The facts stated in the report of the examining committee will show the use which has been made of the library, both as a place of resort for reading and for the purpose of borrowing books for home use. Notwithstanding the difficulties incident to most new undertakings, it is believed that there is no library in Boston, or the neighborhood, of which so extensive a use has been made.

Such has been the case, although the part of the year, during which the library has been open, is that in which, for several reasons, the greatest resort is not likely to take place. During the summer many families reside in the country, and many more travel. Of those who remain in the city, many give their leisure time to excursions in the neighborhood and to those out-door occupations which are favored by the pleasant season. The long evenings of winter and early spring will, it is anticipated, considerably increase the resort to the library.

Meantime its growth has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the trustees. In their annual report of last year, they stated that the income of Mr. Bates's munificent endowment, of the generous donation of Mr. Phillips, and of the other invested funds of the library, would furnish the



means of purchasing 3500 volumes for the current year, while from other sources still further accessions might be confidently anticipated. In point of fact the library, during the course of the year, had, at the date of the librarian's report, been increased by 6533 volumes and about 3000 pamphlets. Of these it appears, by the librarian's report, that over two thousand volumes and nearly all the pamphlets have been donations, and that about four thousand four hundred volumes have been bought. If we are authorized to form an opinion of the future growth of the library from the experience of the past, we may safely calculate upon an increase hereafter of at least six thousand volumes annually, exclusive of pamphlets; a rate of increase which in fourteen years will carry the library up to 100,000 volumes,—a larger collection than any at present existing in the United States.

It is true that a considerable number of the new books added to the library the present year are duplicate sets of popular new publications, which have been purchased in pursuance of the principle on which the circulating department is founded, viz: that of supplying the public, as far as it could be reasonably done, with those books for which there is an urgent present demand. It is expected that for a certain class of books this demand will be temporary, and that in due time—sooner for some and later for others,—all but a single copy, or a very few copies may be dispensed with. In the meantime, however, the books will have performed their office; the taste and habit of reading will have been cultivated; and if the expectations of the trustees are realized, the standard of the reading community will have been steadily raised, and the class of new books called for will become more and more one of permanent value.

The trustees are of opinion, even at the present time, and in addition to the number of duplicate volumes of works of temporary interest, that a larger number of new works of permanent value have been added to the library the present year than to any other public library in Boston or the vicinity. Many of the works purchased in this country

and all of those imported from abroad, may be reckoned in this class.

In order more effectually to meet the wants of the community, in reference to the supply of books, the trustees have systematically invited the co-operation of the public in their selection. For this purpose blank forms of recommendation have been prepared to be filled up with the titles of books not already on the shelves, and which the applicant may wish to have purchased. If deemed by the Committee of the Trustees a book proper for the Library, it is ordered without delay. Several hundred volumes have, in the course of the season, been procured in this way, and they have usually been furnished to the reader in twenty-four hours after his application was made.

The Trustees have from the first calculated on large accessions to the Library from donations, individually taken of a small amount. In a city as large as Boston, containing probably as great a number of educated persons as any city in the world of its size, there are in almost every house a few volumes,—sometimes rare and curious works,—which, in some cases have descended from former generations, and which the present owners would rather have preserved in a public collection than retain themselves. Many such volumes have already been presented to the Library. Larger donations of this kind,—and in some cases collections which have been formed at great expense of time and money,—will in the natural course of things be presented to the Library. Their proprietors will often feel that, in the fluctuations of fortune to which families are subject, there is no way of disposing of a valuable collection of books, by which its permanent usefulness is so sure to be secured, as to place it on the shelves of a fire-proof building belonging to a great public institution.

The Trustees in this connection feel bound to make a special acknowledgement of the liberality of Dr. James Jackson, of Dr. John Ware, of Dr. Charles G. Putnam, and Dr. E. A. Kittredge, for donations of medical books, amounting in the aggregate to eight hundred and twenty volumes, and

to one thousand and eighty-six pamphlets. The Hon. G. S. Hillard has presented to the Library two hundred and two volumes, among which is the *Encyclopedie Methodique*, in 197 volumes 4to, one of the most valuable of the works of that class. One hundred and seventy-eight volumes and seven hundred and ninety-six pamphlets have been received from the Hon. Jonathan Phillips, in addition to his liberal donation of ten thousand dollars, a copy, in excellent binding and preservation, of the American edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* from Mrs. Louisa Thompson; and from many other benefactors volumes amounting in the aggregate to several hundred, of which a specification accompanies the Librarian's report.

The Trustees, in the purchase of books, have had an eye mainly to the wants of the mass of the reading public in a community like our own. In a few cases, when there has been an opportunity of purchasing a valuable work to great advantage, it has been done, although the work may not have been adapted for frequent popular use. But with this exception, it has been the object of the Trustees to make the acquisition of useful books, in the English language, in plain, good bindings. Works in the learned and foreign tongues, books or editions of books which owe their value to their rarity, works of luxury as they are called, splendidly illustrated publications, and sumptuous and costly bindings have been wholly avoided. The Trustees do not undervalue works of this class, when surplus funds exist for their purchase. They look forward to the time when, the more immediate wants of the institution having been supplied, there will be a propriety in making the acquisition, to a reasonable extent, of works of this class; which they also have no doubt will, from time to time, be added to the Library by private liberality. But for the present they are under the impression, that works intended for substantial use, rather than for curiosity and show, are what the public need and have a right to expect.

It was remarked in the report of the Trustees last year, that "all the operations of the Library must be conducted on a

comparatively narrow scale, while the establishment continues within its present temporary and narrow limits. It is only after the erection of a library building that it will be able definitively to commence its career of usefulness." It will be recollected that a piece of land for a library building was purchased on Somerset street, which was given up, without pecuniary loss to the City, as not sufficiently large or central. An eligible site was then obtained on Boylston street, which, according to the opinion expressed by the Trustees in their report last year, was better adapted to the purpose than any other then to be procured. The circumstances which have prevented any progress being made, the present season, in the erection of the building, are well known to the City Council as altogether beyond the control or influence of the Trustees.

On the 17th of October the Trustees were invited to attend a conference with a committee of the City Council, appointed to consider the subject of the location of the library; and from this conference it appeared, that it had been proposed to erect the new building on some suitable place in the public garden. The Trustees infer from this circumstance, that differences of opinion as to the best situation for the library may have had an influence, in causing the delay which has taken place in reference to the building.

This question is one exclusively for the City Government; and in their decision, whatever it may be, the Trustees will respectfully acquiesce. Although as individuals in common with their fellow-citizens, but led by their duty to take an especial interest in the prosperity of the library, they may have their opinions on the relative advantages of different spots, the subject does not fall within their province as a board, and has never been officially considered by them.

They trust, however, that they shall not be thought to go beyond their sphere of duty in saying, that whatever site is fixed upon, it is extremely desirable that as little time as possible should be lost. The faith of the City is pledged for the erection of a library building, to the munificent benefactor who has so generously endowed the institution. Any



unnecessary delay in redeeming this pledge would bring just reproach on the good name of the City. Till a fire-proof building of ample dimensions is erected, it is in vain to expect those liberal donations of books from individuals, which may be confidently depended upon, when adequate provision is made for their safe keeping and convenient use. In addition to these considerations, it must not be forgotten, that the resort to the library is already so great, that the present temporary premises, (which consist of the basement story of one of the City school houses,) are altogether insufficient for the accommodation of those who come to borrow books, and still more of those who wish to avail themselves of the great advantages of the reading room. Notwithstanding great diligence and promptitude, on the part of the librarian and his assistants, aided by an admirably contrived system for the search and delivery of books asked for, it is manifestly impossible, in premises so contracted as those now appropriated to the library, with an average of three hundred persons daily resorting to it, to prevent occasional delay and crowd. It is hoped by the Trustees that the convenience of more than six thousand citizens who have already inscribed their names for the use of the library, and to whose number additions are daily made, will be thought by the City government to merit their earliest attention.

The Trustees are firmly convinced, taking into consideration the present resources of the institution and the indications of public interest in its progress, that, with a fire-proof building of suitable dimensions well adapted to the purpose, the Free Public Library will immediately become both an honor and a blessing to the community;—an institution which will reflect credit on the liberality of its benefactors and of the City;—and which will put the finish to that great system of public education of which Boston is so justly proud.

Before concluding this report, the Trustees beg leave to add, that they have great reason to be satisfied with the fidelity, industry, zeal, and spirit of accommodation of the Librarian and his several assistants. Their diligence in the

discharge of their laborious duties, under circumstances somewhat embarrassing, has been exemplary, and has materially contributed to diminish the inconveniences, which would otherwise have been experienced by the public from the crowded state of the rooms.

The Trustees may be permitted to add that on their own part they have spared no pains, by personal attention to the affairs of the library, to give effect to the enlightened views in which it has been founded and sustained. They have held a regular meeting every fortnight, throughout the year, and extra meetings when necessary;—and the attendance of some one of their number, generally of more than one, has been given on some part of almost every day.

All which is respectfully submitted by

EDWARD EVERETT,  
GEO. TICKNOR,  
A. B. MUNROE,  
GEO. W. WARREN,  
JOHN P. BIGELOW,  
NATH'L B. SHURTLEFF,  
T. G. APPLETON.

*Public Library, 3d November, 1854.*



## A.

The Committee, appointed under the seventh section of an Ordinance in relation to a Public Library, passed Oct. 14, 1852, ask leave to

## R E P O R T :

That they have examined its condition on the three points embraced in the Report of their predecessors of the last year, both because those points seem to involve all the inquiries it was intended they should make, and because, by adopting, from year to year, the same system of investigation, the state and progress of the institution can be more easily understood. Within these limits, then, they find the condition of the Public Library to be as follows :

FIRST, AS TO ITS BOOKS. The number of volumes, which, in the Report of November 10, 1853, was stated to be nine thousand six hundred and eighty-eight, is now, by the Librarian's account, sixteen thousand two hundred and twenty-one, besides two thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine tracts, added this year, and nearly a thousand given earlier, portions of which are bound into volumes, and the remainder arranged alphabetically in compact cases, for easy reference until they, too, may be bound up. The books and tracts are in good condition and fit for use. Those purchased during the past year have been bought with reference to the wants of the citizens generally, but especially the wants of those who may not have access to good libraries. Of a large number of these books there are duplicates, and in not a few cases there are several or many copies of the same work. But still the supply falls very far short of the demand. A great number of persons cannot obtain the book they want at the time they ask for it, even when more than one copy belongs to the Library ; and of many books that are much needed, no copy at all has yet been bought, from deficiency of

funds. Our citizens meantime have been watchful and liberal. The Librarian's Report on the state of the Library during the past year shows this in a manner most honorable to the individuals whose names it records. And it is confidently believed, when the remarkable facts stated in this Report shall have been considered by the public, that other patrons and friends to the Library will be found, like those who have made it what it is, and that many persons who have books lying idle in their houses, because they have ceased to be interesting to their families, will gladly add them to the Public Library, where they will again become useful. The City Government, too, has this year made the appropriation it has heretofore made for the general expenses of the Library, and a part of this appropriation, but mainly the munificent foundation of Mr. Bates, of London, and the income of funds given in a similar spirit by others, constitute, when taken together, the only resources of the Library for the purchase of books. But these resources are, by no means, sufficient. Even the present urgent wants of our citizens cannot be satisfied by them, and these wants are constantly increasing. Many persons add their names daily to the list of those who use the Library, and many more will follow;—for we have a growing population, and the number of readers among us grows in a ratio still greater than that of the increase of our people. The Library, therefore, needs large additions to its collection of books.

SECOND, AS TO ITS CATALOGUES. These are ample and well adjusted to their purposes. They consist, 1st, of the *Catalogue of Accessions*, in which every book, with its cost, condition, &c., is entered as soon as it is received. This Catalogue, therefore, constitutes a History of the Library as a Collection of Books. 2d. The *Alphabetical Card Catalogue*, which contains a full title of each book on a separate card, with short alphabetical references on other separate cards to each word of the title under which the book is likely to be asked for. This constitutes the best basis for a thorough knowledge of the Library by the Librarian and his assistants, and for the use of its books by all persons who

wish to make careful investigations of particular subjects. 3d. The *Shelf Catalogue*, which contains the titles of the books as they stand on their respective shelves, and which, therefore, affords the means of knowing, at any moment, the exact condition of the Library as a part of the City's property; And 4th, the *Printed Alphabetical Catalogue*, of which interleaved copies, containing the titles of the books added from day to day, may always be found on the tables of the Reading Room;—thus placing a knowledge of the contents of the Library and the readiest means for using it within the reach of every citizen. These four Catalogues are all in good order, and carefully made up to the present date.

THIRD, AS TO THE LIBRARY ROOMS. The present Rooms—which were regarded merely as a temporary provision when they were first assigned for the use of the Library—are only two in number, and are already found to be wholly inadequate to the proper management of such an institution and to the demands daily made on it by our citizens. The outer one is the Reading Room, where there are one hundred and thirty-eight Periodicals, Transactions of Mechanics' Institutes, Scientific Bodies, &c.—all of which are to be read and consulted on its tables. But this Room—from the want of any other for the purpose—is now necessarily used for the delivery of books, every afternoon and evening, to above three hundred persons on an average, and sometimes to more than five hundred. It is, therefore, noisy, uncomfortable and unfit for its peculiar purposes as a place for quiet reading;—besides which it often happens, that the persons who come to borrow books are so numerous as to be most inconveniently crowded together; many of them being kept standing and waiting much longer than ought to be necessary, until their turn comes round to be served. The interior or proper Library Room is no better than the Reading Room. It is small, ill-lighted, ill-ventilated, cold in winter, and so nearly filled with books that it will soon be impossible to find places for more. Both of them, by their exposure to fire, are unsafe repositories for books. But there can be no need of adding a word on this point. The case is a plain one. Every body

who visits the Library, and the thousands who use it, know and feel every time they come there, that its present Rooms are wholly insufficient for its present wants,—to say nothing of the increasing wants and inconveniences that must arise from the increased numbers who are constantly demanding its privileges and benefits for themselves and their families. It is obvious, therefore, that something should be done without delay for the erection of a proper building ;—a building becoming the character of the City, and becoming the pledges it has given.

In conclusion, it may be remarked, that the Public Library, although begun under the very considerable disadvantages already suggested, has yet been eminently successful. It was opened as a Reading Room March 20, 1854, and for the circulation of books May 2, and closed for the annual examination, October 17 ; the latter dates including a period of just five months and an half. During this period, it appears that six thousand five hundred and ninety persons entered their names in order to enjoy its privileges ; that the number of volumes borrowed for home use was thirty-five thousand three hundred and eighty-nine, besides several thousands used in the Reading Room, of which no record is kept ; that no one book of this very large number is known or believed to have been wantonly or unreasonably injured ; that, after a very careful examination, only twenty volumes are now missing from the shelves ; that most of these twenty will, probably, be found and returned to their places ; and that not one of them is of sufficient pecuniary value to permit its loss to be considered important or to allow its absence to be attributed to any cause but accident or misfortune. Moreover, if none of them should be recovered, the very trifling fines already promptly and cheerfully paid for the undue detention of books, would purchase them all several times over.

It is certain, therefore, that a very large amount of good reading has been circulated among our citizens by the Public Library, and that the books containing it have been treated, as it might be expected they would be treated by persons who know their value.

The benefits that must follow from such an Institution, fitted, as the Public Library is, to continue by home-reading and self-culture the education begun by our excellent system of Free Schools, your Committee will not pretend to estimate. Indeed, if this Library should be liberally fostered and administered by the persons to whom its support and care are entrusted, all its benefits to the intellectual, moral and religious training of our community, and especially of our children, can neither be measured nor foreseen.

It may be appropriate here to add, as an important circumstance in the present condition of the Public Library, that the very simple system now in operation for arranging its books on their shelves and circulating them among our citizens, is not only an excellent system in itself, but is, also, a system that admits of such easy and almost indefinite expansion, that it may be relied on to meet the future no less than the present demands of the public. But, in order to give our community the benefit of this system and of the wise and liberal use of the Library which it involves, a building must undoubtedly be erected permitting arrangements and facilities for its management and administration, that are quite impossible in the present inappropriate, uncomfortable, unsafe, and insufficient premises.

All which is submitted.

GEO. TICKNOR,  
JONATHAN PHILLIPS,  
EDWARD BEECHER,  
ROBT. C. WINTHROP,  
NATHAN APPLETON,  
OLIVER FROST.

*Public Library, October 31, 1854.*



## B

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

By chapter III., article 12, of the Rules and Regulations of the Public Library, it is incumbent on the Librarian, "before the last day of October, to make in writing and present to the Trustees a detailed and circumstantial Report on its condition and increase during the year preceding."

Agreeably to this provision I submit the following Report:

On the 10th day of November, 1853, there were 9688 volumes belonging to the Library, and 961 pamphlets. Since that time there have been added 6533 volumes and 2989 pamphlets. Of these, 2152 volumes and nearly all the pamphlets have been received in donations, and 4381 volumes have been purchased.

The number of volumes at present belonging to the Library is therefore 16,221, and the number of pamphlets 3950. In this account are included the duplicate or numerous copies of many works which it was found necessary to purchase, in order to supply the reasonable demands of the large number of readers who have availed themselves of the privileges of the circulating department.

This department was opened to the public on the 2d day of May last, and, on the 17th day of October, when the Library was closed for examination, had been in operation just five and a half months. During this period 6590 persons, by signing their names in the book for signatures, put themselves under obligations to obey the rules and regulations that had been or might be prescribed by due authority. Of these 5384 have opened accounts in the "Loan Books," and thereby obtained the right to receive books for home use. Justice to these subscribers requires a strong statement of the fact, that, under many inconveniences and much discomfort, from the want of proper accommodations in the



library rooms, the rules of the Library, both in letter and spirit, have been cheerfully complied with.

It has been ascertained that 35,389 volumes were taken from the Library between the 2d day of May and the 17th of October, for home use ; an average of 250 volumes a day. The average number of books taken out daily for the week ending September 22, was 306, or 1836 volumes in all. On the 16th of September 535 volumes were taken out. In other weeks, when no account was kept, the average is supposed to have been greater. The average number of books used daily in the reading room during the week ending September 30th was 34, or, in all, 204. On other weeks it was probably greater ; and all these numbers grow larger from week to week.

Books were in constant circulation until August 1, without requiring us to replace, in a single instance, the paper cover ; and up to this time eighty-three volumes only have been rebound, and only fifty-two more are now known to require a new binding. It is not known that, in any instance, a wilful, and in only one instance an accidental injury has been done to a book, and in the latter case the damage was voluntarily and cheerfully made good. One book has been lost by accident, and that also has been paid for.

An examination of each shelf, with the alcove catalogue, shows that the books are all in their places, with the exception of twenty volumes. As an offset to this item we have received, in fines collected for the undue retention of books, the sum of \$87 30, which has been paid into the City Treasury, on account of the Library, and will amply replace all the books that may have been lost.

Appended to this report, in a paper marked No. I., will be found the names of the benefactors of the Library, with the amount of money, or the number of volumes, pamphlets, charts, &c. received from each during the past year ; the whole preceded by the names of those who had earlier been benefactors. This shows us the agreeable fact that over one hundred and fifty persons, many of whose donations have been of great value, and all desirable, have had in mind the wants of the Library.

Appended also to this report, in another paper marked No. II., will be found a statement of the expenditures of money, for whatever purpose, from the first day of November 1853, to the last day of October 1854. A little inconvenience arises from the fact that the financial year of the City commences on the first day of May, and that the appropriations are made for a year from that period. But the most important thing here, is to exhibit the way in which the moneys in trust for the wants of the Library have been spent. This exhibit can be made month by month, and item by item, if it be necessary; but it is presumed that the divisions made in this statement will be sufficiently minute. It should, however, be understood that the heavy items of the construction and furniture accounts cannot occur again, and that about the sum of \$200, (192 46) charged to the account of printing, has been refunded by the receipts from the sale of Catalogues.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD CAPEN, *Librarian.*

*Boston, October 24, 1854.*

## No. I.

## BENEFACTORS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

*Previous to the 10th November, 1853.*

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|--------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Appleton, Samuel   | -                  | - | - | - | - | - | \$1,000 00 |
| Bates, Joshua      | Funded,            | - | - | - | - | - | 50,000 00  |
| Bigelow, John P.   | "                  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 00   |
| Bowditch, N. I.    | Services valued at | - | - | - | - | - | 200 00     |
| Brown, James       | -                  | - | - | - | - | - | 500 00     |
| Nightingale, James | -                  | - | - | - | - | - | 100 00     |
| Phillips, Jonathan | Fund,              | - | - | - | - | - | 10,000 00  |

|                                      |   |   |   |   |   | Volumes. | Pamphlets. |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------|------------|
| Appleton, Samuel                     | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Appleton, William                    | - | - | - | - | - | 9        | 1          |
| Balfour, David M.                    | - | - | - | - | - | 3        |            |
| Ballard & Prince,                    | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Ballou, M. M.                        | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Barnard, Henry, Conn.                | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Bigelow, John P.                     | - | - | - | - | - | 207      | 87         |
| Bishop, Nathan                       | - | - | - | - | - | 3        | 7          |
| Boston, England                      | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Boston, City of                      | - | - | - | - | - | 315      | 39         |
| Bowditch, J. I.                      | - | - | - | - | - | 4        |            |
| Clapp, Otis                          | - | - | - | - | - | 5        | 41         |
| Clapp, W. W.                         | - | - | - | - | - | 7        |            |
| Coffin, Admiral Sir I.               | - | - | - | - | - | 6        |            |
| Dall, William                        | - | - | - | - | - | 70       | 150        |
| Dearborn, Nathaniel                  | - | - | - | - | - | 21       |            |
| Dillaway, Charles K.                 | - | - | - | - | - |          | 2          |
| Dupee, James A.                      | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Dwight, Louis                        | - | - | - | - | - |          | 4          |
| Eastburn, John H.                    | - | - | - | - | - | 1        | 66         |
| Eliot, Samuel A.                     | - | - | - | - | - | 85       |            |
| Eustis, William T.                   | - | - | - | - | - | 4        |            |
| Everett, Edward                      | - | - | - | - | - | 1170     | 2          |
| Flint, Charles L.                    | - | - | - | - | - | 11       |            |
| French, B. F.                        | - | - | - | - | - | 3        |            |
| Galt, J. M., Va.                     | - | - | - | - | - |          | 14         |
| Gilbert, A., New York,               | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Gray, Asa                            | - | - | - | - | - | 2        |            |
| Gray, Francis C.                     | - | - | - | - | - | 57       |            |
| Greene, C. W., Greenwich, R. I.      | - | - | - | - | - | 33       |            |
| Griswold, Almon W.                   | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |
| Guildhall Library Committee, London, | - | - | - | - | - | 1        |            |

|                                            | Volumes.   | Pamphlets. |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Hale, N. & C. - - - - -                    | 1          |            |
| Herrick, E. C., Yale College, - - - - -    | 1          |            |
| Jarvis, Edward, - - - - -                  |            | 65         |
| Kingman, Charles B. - - - - -              | 3          |            |
| Kneeland, Samuel - - - - -                 | 2          |            |
| Lawrence, T. B. - - - - -                  | 1          |            |
| Lee, Thomas J. - - - - -                   |            | 1          |
| Livermore, George, Cambridge, - - - - -    | 3          |            |
| Loring, James S. - - - - -                 | 1          | 184        |
| McMahon, J. B. - - - - -                   | 13         |            |
| Massachusetts, State of - - - - -          | 40         |            |
| McCleary, S. F. - - - - -                  | 1          | 250        |
| Montagu, A. de - - - - -                   | 1          |            |
| Norton, Charles B., New York, - - - - -    | 1          |            |
| Norwood, Samuel - - - - -                  | 5          |            |
| Paine, Martyn, New York, - - - - -         | 7          |            |
| Paris, City of - - - - -                   | 96         | 23         |
| Parsons, Usher, - - - - -                  |            | 1          |
| Phillips, Jonathan - - - - -               | 137        |            |
| Rhode Island Historical Society, - - - - - | 2          | 1          |
| Riddle, Edward - - - - -                   | 1          |            |
| Sawyer, F. W. - - - - -                    | 1          |            |
| Seaver, Benjamin - - - - -                 | 1          |            |
| Shurtleff, N. B. - - - - -                 | 1          |            |
| Smith, Elbridge, Cambridge, - - - - -      | 1          |            |
| Southey, Thomas, England, - - - - -        | 3          |            |
| Sparks, Jared - - - - -                    | 1          |            |
| Spurr, O. H. - - - - -                     | 6          |            |
| Thornton, J. W. - - - - -                  | 3          |            |
| Ticknor, George - - - - -                  | 679        |            |
| United States, - - - - -                   | 145        |            |
| Unknown, - - - - -                         | 11         |            |
| Wales, George B. - - - - -                 | 8          |            |
| Walker, Amasa - - - - -                    | 1          |            |
| Warren, J. Mason - - - - -                 | 30         |            |
| Warren, John C. - - - - -                  | 2          |            |
| Warren Street Chapel Library, - - - - -    | 12         |            |
| Webster Daniel - - - - -                   | 6          |            |
| Weld, Moses H. 1 Crystallotype.            |            |            |
| Wilkins, John H. - - - - -                 | 64         |            |
| Williams John D. W. - - - - -              | 285        | 23         |
| Winthrop, Robert C. - - - - -              | 287        |            |
| Withington, William - - - - -              | 1          |            |
|                                            | <hr/> 3889 | <hr/> 961  |

## BENEFACTORS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

*For the year 1853-54, and the number of Volumes, Pamphlets,  
Charts, &c. received from each.*

|                                      |   |   |   |   |           |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| Bates, Joshua, London, Interest,     | - | - | - | - | \$3000 00 |
| Bigelow, John P.                   “ | - | - | - | - | 60 00     |
| Bowditch, J. Ingersoll,              | - | - | - | - | 300 00    |
| Phillips, Jonathan, Interest,        | - | - | - | - | 600 00    |

|                                                  | Volumes. |   |   |     | Pamphlets. |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|---|---|-----|------------|
| Albany Young Men's Association,                  | -        | - | - | 1   |            |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mis- |          |   |   |     |            |
| sions, by Prudential Committee,                  | -        | - | - | 32  |            |
| Appleton, J. W. M.                               | -        | - | - | 1   |            |
| Appleton, W.                                     | -        | - | - | 7   | 1          |
| Austin, J. T.                                    | -        | - | - | 2   |            |
| Balfour, David M.                                | -        | - | - | 55  |            |
| Ballou, Maturin M.                               | -        | - | - | 5   |            |
| Bigelow, Henry J.                                | -        | - | - | 6   |            |
| Bigelow, John P.                                 | -        | - | - | 4   |            |
| Binney, C. J. F.                                 | -        | - | - | 1   |            |
| Binney, Horace, Philadelphia,                    | -        | - | - |     | 2          |
| Bishop, Nathan,                                  | -        | - | - |     | 5          |
| Boston Society of Natural History,               | -        | - | - | 4   | 1          |
| Bowditch, Henry I.                               | -        | - | - | 6   | 1          |
| Bowditch, N. I.                                  | -        | - | - | 1   |            |
| Bradley, John N.                                 | -        | - | - | 55  |            |
| Brown, Obadiah, Benevolent Fund of               | -        | - | - | 9   |            |
| Cass, Mrs. L. A.                                 | -        | - | - | 5   |            |
| Chandler, George, Worcester,                     | -        | - | - |     | 1          |
| City of Boston, Departments of                   | -        | - | - | 23  | 1          |
| Clapp, David                                     | -        | - | - | 11  | 60         |
| Cogswell, Joseph G., New York,                   | -        | - | - | 3   |            |
| Copeland, Elisha                                 | -        | - | - | 13  | 79         |
| Cornell, William M.                              | -        | - | - | 4   | 8          |
| Couthouy, J. P.                                  | -        | - | - | 4   |            |
| Davis, David E.                                  | -        | - | - | 2   |            |
| Dench, Lawson B.                                 | -        | - | - | 3   |            |
| Dennet, W. H.                                    | -        | - | - | 1   |            |
| Dixon, B. Homer,                                 | -        | - | - | 10  |            |
| Durkee, Silas,                                   | -        | - | - | 1   |            |
| Eastburn, John H.                                | -        | - | - |     | 1          |
| Eliot, Samuel A.                                 | -        | - | - |     | 2          |
| Everett, Edward, 27 Charts, &c.                  | -        | - | - | 166 | 245        |
| Flint, Ch. L.                                    | -        | - | - | 2   | 1          |
| Foster, F. E. Miss                               | -        | - | - | 1   |            |

|                                                            | Volumes. | Pamphlets. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| French, James & Co. - - - - -                              | 2        |            |
| Frost, Oliver - - - - -                                    | 10       |            |
| Garrison, William L. - - - - -                             | 1        |            |
| Gasking, Samuel - - - - -                                  | 1        |            |
| Girard, Charles, Philadelphia, - - - - -                   |          | 1          |
| Guild, Albert - - - - -                                    | 9        |            |
| Harvard College, President and Fellows of, - - - - -       | 5        |            |
| Hillard, George S. - - - - -                               | 202      | 1          |
| Holland, F. W. - - - - -                                   | 1        | 13         |
| Howe, John, Jr. - - - - -                                  | 1        |            |
| Jackson, Abby C. - - - - -                                 | 1        |            |
| King, Gedney Mrs. - - - - -                                | 7        |            |
| Jackson, Francis - - - - -                                 | 1        |            |
| Jackson, James - - - - -                                   | 128      | 600        |
| Kittredge, Edward A. - - - - -                             | 128      | 13         |
| Lawrence, Abbott, Jr. - - - - -                            | 14       |            |
| Leeds, Charles H., New York, - - - - -                     | 1        |            |
| Loring, James S. - - - - -                                 | 1        | 3          |
| McCleary, S. F. Jr. - - - - -                              |          | 1          |
| Maryland Historical Society, - - - - -                     |          | 3          |
| Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, - - - - -   | 1        |            |
| Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, - - - - - | 9        |            |
| Merritt, J. Mrs. - - - - -                                 |          | 13         |
| Munroe, James - - - - -                                    |          | 3          |
| Munsell, J., Albany, - - - - -                             | 1        |            |
| New York University, Regents of - - - - -                  | 7        |            |
| New York Society Library, - - - - -                        | 1        |            |
| Otis, Harrison Gray Mrs. - - - - -                         | 1        |            |
| Paris, City of - - - - -                                   | 4        |            |
| Parker, Henry T. - - - - -                                 | 6        |            |
| Phillips, Jonathan - - - - -                               | 178      | 790        |
| Potter, E. R., Rhode Island, - - - - -                     | 8        | 10         |
| Prescott, Frederic W. - - - - -                            | 99       | 20         |
| Pulsifer, David - - - - -                                  | 1        |            |
| Putnam, Charles G. - - - - -                               | 330      | 166        |
| Quincy, Eliza S. - - - - -                                 | 1        |            |
| Quincy, Josiah, Sen'r. - - - - -                           |          | 2          |
| Reed, Sampson - - - - -                                    | 33       |            |
| Rich Brothers, London, - - - - -                           | 4        | 23         |
| Roelker, Bernard - - - - -                                 | 2        |            |
| Ruggles, S. B., New York, - - - - -                        |          | 1          |
| Shurtleff, N. B. - - - - -                                 | 15       | 226        |
| Spear, Charles - - - - -                                   | 5        | 2          |
| Sumner Charles - - - - -                                   |          | 5          |
| Sumner, W. H., Roxbury, - - - - -                          |          | 1          |
| Sunderland, La Roy - - - - -                               | 6        |            |
| Tarbell, Thomas Mrs. - - - - -                             | 11       | 166        |
| Thayer, Gideon F. - - - - -                                |          | 5          |
| Thompson, Louisa Mrs. - - - - -                            | 32       |            |
| Thwing, Thomas - - - - -                                   |          | 13         |



|                                        |   |   |   |   | Volumes.   | Pamphlets. |
|----------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|------------|
| Ticknor, George, 14 Charts, &c.        | - | - | - | - | 116        | 32         |
| Ticknor, Reed & Fields,                | - | - | - | - | 3          |            |
| Torrey, Henry W.                       | - | - | - | - | 1          |            |
| Turner, J. W.                          | - | - | - | - | 1          |            |
| United States, State Department,       | - | - | - | - | 36         |            |
| United States Commissioner of Patents, | - | - | - | - | 1          |            |
| Unknown,                               | - | - | - | - | 19         | 7          |
| Ware, John                             | - | - | - | - | 239        | 307        |
| Warren, John C.                        | - | - | - | - | 1          |            |
| West, E. L. Mrs.                       | - | - | - | - | 2          |            |
| Wetherbee, Moses H.                    | - | - | - | - | 3          |            |
| Whitney, Frederic A., Brighton,        | - | - | - | - |            | 30         |
| Wilkins, John H.                       | - | - | - | - | 2          |            |
| Willard, F. A.                         | - | - | - | - | 2          |            |
| Williams, J. D. W., Roxbury,           | - | - | - | - | 11         | 3          |
| Wilson, John                           | - | - | - | - | 1          |            |
| Winthrop, Robert C.                    | - | - | - | - |            | 3          |
| Woods, Charles                         | - | - | - | - | 1          |            |
| Wright, Ephraim M.                     | - | - | - | - | 7          |            |
|                                        |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 2152 | <hr/> 2871 |

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FOR ONE YEAR,

*From November 1, 1853, to October 31, 1854.*

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Binding Books, - - - - -                    | \$ 525.43   |
| Blank Books, Stationery, &c., - - - - -     | 381.70      |
| Books, - - - - -                            | 6,247.30    |
| Construction, Repairs, &c., - - - - -       | 505.01      |
| Expresses, Cartage, &c., - - - - -          | 24.77       |
| Freights, Customs, Wharfage, &c., - - - - - | 21.14       |
| Furniture, Tools, &c., - - - - -            | 774.35      |
| Gas, - - - - -                              | 106.82      |
| Insurance, - - - - -                        | 157.00      |
| Miscellaneous, - - - - -                    | 25.24       |
| Periodicals, - - - - -                      | 680.22      |
| Porter, for Fires, Cleaning, &c., - - - - - | 52.00       |
| Postage, - - - - -                          | 73.91       |
| Printing and Paper, - - - - -               | 1,719.20    |
| Salaries and Extra Help, - - - - -          | 2,543.98    |
|                                             | <hr/>       |
|                                             | \$13,838.07 |









